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Confidence In Future

ALL here will applaud and agree with Sir Alexander Grantham's message to the Commonwealth Trade Day gathering at the British Industries Fair in which he expressed the conviction that Hongkong faces the future with confidence in its ability to play its part as a distributor of Commonwealth goods and as a manufacturing centre of growing importance. This is no idle sentiment, based on wishful thinking. Whatever the shortcomings of the Colony and its frustrations, it can boast, with due modesty, that whenever it has been faced with trade, economic, political or financial crises which superficially appear to spell disaster, the whole community has responded to the challenge with astonishing unity and impressive confidence. Post-war examples: the sang froid with which traders have faced up to the vicissitudes of economic embargoes and trade restrictions, and the determined way in which wage earners have wrestled with, and to an extent triumphed over, the soaring cost of living. Lord Killarney's homely tribute to the people of Hongkong—"You've got guts"—was appropriate.

No attempt need be made to deny that the Colony, due almost entirely to political and economic circumstances over which it has no control, is today suffering a commercial and industrial recession. But it has not as yet assumed the proportions of a slump, and any change in world conditions could readily alter the current trend. The entropic flow of business is today stultified to a considerable degree by international trading restrictions imposed against Communist China, while American raw materials embargoes have gravely handicapped local manufacturers. Nevertheless, while the overall picture is sombre, it is not unreasonably hopeless. The British Commonwealth is not a closed shop. For Hongkong industrialists seeking new markets it offers fine potentialities and the trade traffic need not be one way. It was this important note which the Governor struck in his message to the B.I.F. gathering.

The Truth About Fechteler's "Secret Report" FORGERY OF AN OLD DOCUMENT Newspaper's Admission

Washington, May 15.

French sources said here today that the so-called "Fechteler report" published last Friday by the French newspaper *Le Monde* is without shadow of a doubt a forgery of an article published two years ago by the United States Naval Institute Proceedings.

The sources said the document purported by *Le Monde* to have been addressed by Fechteler to the National Security Council in 1952, except for minor changes, has been translated from an article published in the United States Naval Institute Proceedings in 1950 under the pen of Captain Anthony Talerico.

These sources said a close examination of the two texts showed that about 80 per cent of the "Le Monde" article was translated from Capt. Talerico's essay. The only difference, they said, was to make it appear that the article had been written in 1952.

They pointed out that in Capt. Talerico's article mention was made of Libya as a territory administered by Britain, which was true in 1950, whereas in accordance with the change of status *Le Monde* refers to Libya as "independent territory."

The Paris afternoon newspaper *Le Monde* admitted today that they might have been mistaken in publishing what it last week labelled a "Secret Report" by Admiral William Fechteler, United States Chief of Naval Operations.

Le Monde said that the report which was published as emanating from the services of Admiral Fechteler corresponds in whole and its structure to an article published in the September 1950 issue of the United States Naval Institute Proceedings.

The United States Naval Institute Proceedings is a technical journal but is not classified as containing any secret matter. The report in *Le Monde* predicted that war was inevitable before 1960 and that Europe might be overrun by the Russians within three days.

Admiral Fechteler denied knowing of any such report. Through a spokesman at the White House, he denied that it had received such a report—France-Press and Associated Press.

ABSURD SUGGESTION

London, May 15.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, said today it was "absurd" to suggest, that the British Admiralty had passed a report to the French newspaper, *Le Monde*, in which Admiral William Fechteler, United States Chief of Naval Operations, was alleged to have said that war was inevitable by 1960.

"I am assured that there has never been any document of the kind referred to in the French press," he told the House of Commons.

"Any suggestion of a leakage is therefore absurd."

Mr. Maurice Edelman (Labour) had asked whether he would inquire into the "leakage of secret information from the Admiralty to a French newspaper."

Mr. Edelman, welcoming the Prime Minister's reply, asked what the Prime Minister was doing to get an explanation and apology from *Le Monde* "for this quite obvious libel against the Admiralty."

Mr. Churchill replied: "I have never understood that we were obliged to take steps to obtain apologies from foreign newspapers for what they say about us."

"Quite a lot of unpleasant things are said about us by foreign newspapers of Communist or fellow traveller character."

KNOW NOTHING

Later, the former Labourite Defence Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, pressed Mr. Churchill to give a repudiation of what the *Le Monde* article said "because it might have a detrimental effect on the whole system of European defence."

Mr. Churchill said he had not read or attempted to read the article and added:

"I certainly do not intend to add that to my various labours. To read all the articles endeavouring to cause harm and disconnection between the NATO countries would indeed be a task beyond that which anybody could undertake."

"We, the Government and departments of this country, have nothing whatever to do with this article and know nothing about it."

When Mr. Shinwell insisted that Mr. Churchill repeated that he had not seen the document and did not see any reason why he should give it priority in the many papers he had to read, Mr. Churchill then added:

"But undoubtedly a very serious situation exists as was feelingly brought home to us by Mr. Shinwell when he was Minister of Defence in showing the great strength of the Soviet military forces in Europe, their high preparedness and their great preponderance over what the United Nations and NATO have so far been able to put into the field."

UNDUED VALUE

"We in this country are in a particular position of prominence in the great antagonism of the world owing to the fact that Mr. Shinwell and his colleagues established—I do not say wrongly—the great Anglo-American base in East Anglia, which undoubtedly renders us especially liable to counter-attacks of the other side."

Finally he thought that Mr. Shinwell was trying to invest this document "with an altogether undue value and importance."

Mr. Sydney Silverman, left-wing Labour member, tried to

Extensive Wardrobe



The Royal Navy's underwater men have an extensive wardrobe as indicated by this trio, seen during training at Portsmouth. In the centre is a sailor wearing a standard diving suit, with boots that weigh 20 pounds each. The frogman—(right)—wears a more streamlined outfit with flippers. The diver seen in the background on the left is in a self-contained suit for use in shallow water. — Reuterphoto.

Butler's Inflation Danger Warning APPEALS TO WORKERS TO RESTRAIN WAGE CLAIMS

London, May 15.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Richard Butler, today warned that if the wage increase movement in the country was allowed to take its course uncontrolled and resulted in general and substantial increases, Britain would be "in the close grip of a wages-prices inflationary spiral."

This, he added, might cause much damage and suffering before it was brought under control.

MORE MEAT FOR BRITONS

London, May 15.

Britons are to get more meat and tea but less butter, the Food Minister, Major Lloyd George, told the House of Commons today.

The meat ration is to be increased from June 15 by two pence in value and the price raised by three pence simultaneously.

Thus the present ration of 1s. 2d. will become 1s. 7d.

The Minister praised Argentina's special efforts to send 200,000 tons of meat in fulfilment of last year's Anglo-Argentine contract.

Speaking in a debate on food in the House of Commons the Minister said that production of home food had expanded, particularly in pig meat. Furthermore, there was the immensely valuable production in New Zealand.

"We look forward to 300,000 tons of New Zealand meat, perhaps even more," Major Lloyd George said.

OTHER CHANGES

Other food facts he gave were as follows:

Tea—An increase of half an ounce to two and a half ounces promised for August is to be brought forward a month to July 15.

Butter—A reduction of the ration, now three ounces a week, later this year seemed inevitable for a period of some months. This was entirely due to the decline in imports from some of the principal supplying countries, particularly Australia and Denmark.

Cheese—It will be difficult to keep up the present ration of one ounce towards the end of the year.

Eggs—The allocation for the whole of the year is better than last year.

Bacon—Imports are likely to be somewhat smaller than last year, but home production is expected to expand.—Reuter.

Four Missing After Collision

Wilmington, May 15.

Four crewmen were missing and presumed dead after a tanker loaded with 700,000 gallons of high octane gasoline collided with another ship and exploded today in the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal.

Two crewmen on a third ship, the freighter *Angellina*, were injured when their vessel was showered with burning gasoline as she moved past the Hayes in the 30-foot-wide, 10-mile waterway connecting the Delaware River and Chesapeake Bay.—United Press.

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TURMOIL IN TUNISIA

Tunis, May 15.

The Bey of Tunis today asked his Prime Minister, Salah Eddin Bacouchou, to broadcast an appeal for calm after a fresh outbreak of bomb attacks in the Protectorate.

Terrorism was still going on as he made the request.

Two bombs exploded in Tunis today—one in a cinema and the other after bombing off the roof of a crowded trolley bus. Nobody was seriously injured, though several people were out when the cinema bomb, placed in the toilet room, went off. There were 1,200 people in the cinema at the time.

Three Tunisians seen running away from the cinema after the explosion were detained by the police.

The bomb was thrown from a street on a high level above a trolley bus route in the Mont-d'Or Quarter, near the centre of the city. It damaged two shops.

This made seven bomb explosions in Tunis in three days.

The Bey's appeal for calm handed to the Prime Minister today was drawn up after French envoys had impressed on him the seriousness of the latest disturbances.

"FAULFUL ACTS"

The appeal said the new outbreak of terrorism "causes us great sorrow" and said: "We protect gambling were disclosed appeal to our Tunisian sons and all the children of this Tunisian land to attend to their usual occupations in calm and confidence."

The Bey said these "fateful acts" were contrary to the precepts of all beliefs and in particular of our holy religion.

The French Resident-General, M. Jean de Hauteclocque, and General Pierre Garbay, French military commander, spent more than an hour with the Bey at his villa in Carthage last night.

Representatives of Tunisia's four trade union organisations had a four and a half hour talk with M. de Hauteclocque's principal private secretary last night. They were also believed to have discussed the terrorist outbreak.

Though today was the ninth anniversary of the Bey's accession to the throne, he held no ceremonial receptions because of the disturbed state of the country. He had a brief meeting with members of the Government.

A spokesman of the French Residency denied foreign press reports that restrictions were imposed on the Bey and members of his family. He said no French troops were on duty at the summer palace at Carthage, where the Bey and his son, Prince Chedly, are living.—Reuter.

N.Y. Police Sacked For Corruption

New York, May 15.

Four more New York policemen were sacked today after being found guilty of sharing in the \$1,000,000 bribe which bookmaker Harry Gross claims he paid each year to protect his \$20,000,000 a year illegal bookmaking empire.

This brings to five the total number of policemen who have been dismissed as a result of gross accusations. He had named 115 policemen in testimony which he hopes will bring a reduction of the 12-year goal sentence he is serving for gambling operations in Brooklyn, New York.

Gambling is legal in the United States except in Nevada. Bribery and collusion between racketeers and politicians to protect gambling were disclosed on a wide scale last year by the United States Senate Crime Investigation Committee under the chairmanship of Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, now a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination.—Reuter.

MEMORIAL TO LATE KING

London, May 15.

The representatives of about 50,000,000 Britons unanimously decided today to set up a statue of King George VI in London and to establish a philanthropic scheme which would benefit the whole country.

The scheme, details of which are still undecided, would be associated with the name of the late King, who died on February 6.

These decisions were taken at a national memorial meeting held at Mansion House, headquarters of the Lord Mayor of London.

The meeting was attended by 350 representatives from all walks of British life, including Lords-Lieutenants of Counties, Mayors, heads of churches, diplomats and Commonwealth union leaders.—Reuter.

Election Gains Analysed

London, May 15.

The Socialists have emerged from Britain's nationwide local Government election with gains so far of 1,730 seats. Some results are still to come.

The elections as a whole involved 30,000 seats, and the overall picture is as follows: English and Welsh Counties—net Labour gain of 406 seats spread over 62 Councils. Capture of control in Lancashire, Essex, the West Riding of Yorkshire and Northumberland, giving Labour majorities in a total of 12 Councils.

English and Welsh Larger Towns—Net Labour gain of 640 seats spread over 392 boroughs. Control captured by Labour in 27 Councils, giving the party majorities now in a total of 101.

England and Wales Smaller Towns—Labour net gain of 578 seats including seizure of control in 30 Councils. Of a total of 1,047 urban and rural Councils, Labour now has majorities in 187.

Scottish Towns—Net Labour gain of 71 seats. Majorities captured on four Councils, including Glasgow and Aberdeen. The party now controls 31 Councils out of 100.

Scottish Counties—Net gains 28. Control captured in Stirlingshire, Labour now controls four out of 31 County Councils.

Labour yielded a great many seats to anti-Socialists in local governments between 1947 and the present elections, and anti-Socialists still retain about 800 of the seats gained over this period in various town councils.—Reuter.

BANDITS SLAY POLICEMEN

Singapore, May 15.

Two police constables and one European security officer were killed today when Communist bandits fired on the vehicle in which the victims were travelling to Kota Tinggi, Johore State, in the Federation of Malaya. It was learned here today.

Another policeman was killed by bandits in Perak State, France-Press.

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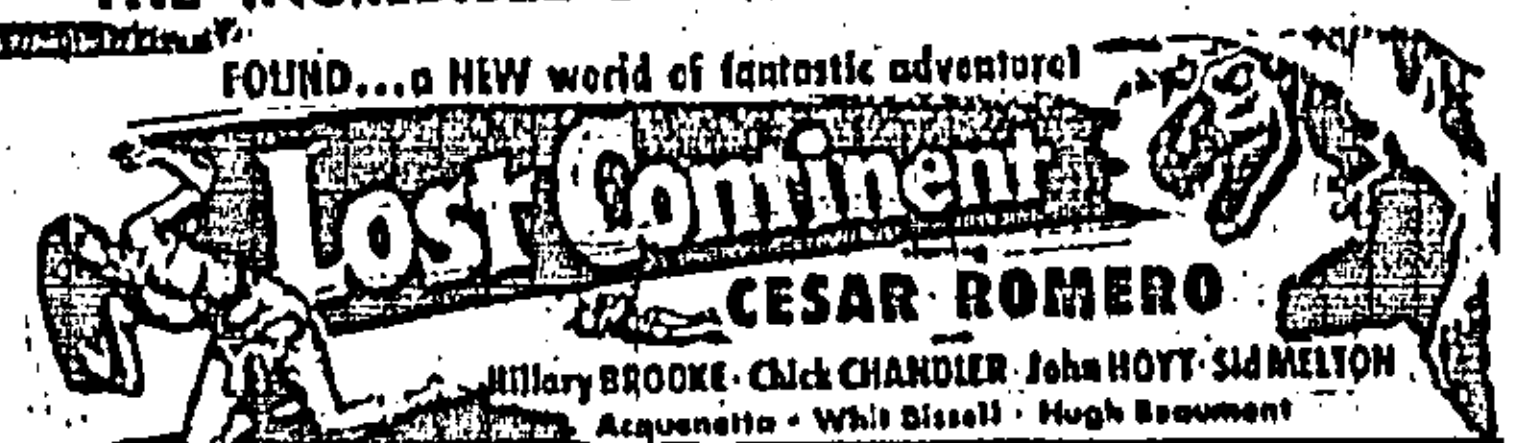
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In London as guests of the Society for Cultural Relations with the U.S.S.R. are two Russian doctors, Professor Khokhlov, woman child doctor from Kiev, and Professor Milkin, director of the Leningrad Research Institution of Sanitation and Hygiene. While in London they will look into the working of the Public Health system.—Express Photo.

Britain Standing Pat On Pledge To The Sudanese

London, May 15.

Official sources said today that Britain's pledge of self-government for the Sudan by the end of this year must be fulfilled and that extension until October of the existing Legislative Assembly in the Sudan would not delay this plan. The sources said "The British Government and the Sudan Government reaffirmed their intention to bring the Sudanese rapidly to the stage of self-government as a prelude to self-determination and no one except the Sudanese themselves can prevent or delay progress in that direction."

NO MIDGET BUT HE FITTED IN

London, May 15.

British railway officials were annoyed tonight to find that a giant they had been asked to make special arrangements for could quite easily go into an ordinary passenger compartment.

The special arrangements had been requested by a travel agency which gave a Mr Zehe's height as eight feet, his breadth as 7 ft. 8 ins. and his weight as 50 stone.

The agency said the man would travel on the Irish Mail Boat train from London to Dublin on May 25.

Railway officials started measuring up their trains and arranging to build specially strong seats in the brake van of the Irish Mail. Then it turned out that Mr Zehe was Gargantua, a professional wrestler due to come from Germany for a bout.

Though no midget, there had been a slight exaggeration. Mr Zehe was not 7 ft. 8 ins. broad. That was merely his girth.

Mr Zehe's size is due to an abnormality of his pituitary gland.—Reuter.

Strasbourg Meetings To Finalise German Treaty

Paris, May 15.

It seems likely that the Foreign Ministers of America, Britain and France will meet in Strasbourg next Thursday to discuss with the West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, the unsettled issues in the peace contracts between Germany and the West.

The Foreign Ministry said today that no definite dates had been fixed yet for the signing of the peace contracts and the European Army Treaty, but it is thought here that the contracts might be signed in Bonn on May 24 and the Treaty in Paris on May 27, provided the Foreign Ministers agree on the contracts during their Strasbourg meeting.

The next conference scheduled now is that between the Foreign Ministers of France, Italy, West Germany and the three Benelux countries who will meet here on Monday for a final examination of the European Army Treaty.

Among the questions on the Ministers' agenda are:
The duration of the treaty; the choice of seats for the various organs of the Army; the choice of an official language; the position of the Saar within the European Defence Community and an embargo on the production of certain armaments in Germany.

But one issue will be left over for reference to the Strasbourg meeting of the three Western Foreign Ministers and Dr Adenauer.

THORNY QUESTION

This is the thorny question of the division of Germany's financial contribution to Western defence—between the European Defence Community and the three Western Governments with troops in Germany. European Army experts have continued their discussions this week and reached agreement on the question of European Army pay, diplomatic quarters said. Simultaneously with the signing of the European Army Treaty, America and Britain will announce their guarantee against the possible withdrawal of a member country from the Community, quarters close to the French Foreign Office said.—Reuter.

BRITISH ATTITUDE

London, May 15.
Britain will stand by the existing policy of the Western Occupation Powers which requires the peace contracts to be ratified by all four Parliamentary bodies concerned, an authoritative source asserted today. He said that it was correct that the West German Federal Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, had proposed to the Allied High Commissioners in Western Germany that parts of the treaties should be adopted immediately without requiring ratification by the German Parliament.

Britain, it is understood, feels bound to oppose such a proposal on the ground that failure to obtain due Parliamentary ratification would make subsequent repudiation of the agreements by a successor government a distinct possibility.—Reuter.

COMMUNIST OATH

London, May 15.
The British Communist Party today urged an immediate four-Power conference to establish "a united, independent and peaceful Germany."
A statement issued here by the Party's Political Committee, said the Soviet proposals for a four-Power meeting had been "brushed aside" by the Western Powers. Their reply demanded a re-militarised Germany tied to the Atlantic War Bloc and with the right to extend its frontiers to the east, the Communists said.

The statement would mean the permanent partitioning of Germany, the rebuilding of the Nazi military power and the preparation of a new war in Europe.

The statement said this was "the most critical moment of the fight against Nazi rearmament. The 'fatal decisions' of the Western Powers must not be allowed to go through.—Reuter.

Ruhr Workers Protest

Duesseldorf, May 15.

Traffic and industry stopped for two hours in Duesseldorf, capital of the Ruhr, today when 15,000 workers marched to protest against the West German Parliament's Factory Bill.

Similar demonstrations took place in Brunswick and Cologne.
The draft Bill, which sets up factory councils with a right of consultation on internal factory matters, does not satisfy the unions. They want full equality for factory councils with management in the running of factories.—Reuter.

Tunisian Question's New Turn

United Nations, May 15.
Representatives of the 15-nation Asian-African group are expected to meet delegates from some Commonwealth countries here next Monday to discuss the Tunisian question.

Invitations have been issued to Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Yugoslavia and the Scandinavian countries, including Iceland. The invitations followed the recent decision of the group to continue efforts to call a special session of the General Assembly to discuss the Tunisian question.

The Security Council last month refused to debate the dispute.
The group earlier met representatives of Latin-American countries and it is understood received assurances of support from some of them. A special session must be convened if 31 countries request it.

Mr M. Baïd Ladgman, a representative of the Tunisian Nationalists, said here today that the measures taken by the French in Tunisia were not only a blow to the reigning dynasty but also to Tunisian sovereignty.—Reuter.

ALGERIAN EXILED

Paris, May 15.
The Algerian Nationalist leader, Messali Hadj, arrested in Algeria by the French, was today taken to Nîmes, capital of the Deux Seves Department of western France.

He was flown from Algiers today to the Villacoublay military airfield near Versailles after his arrest in Algeria and was immediately transferred to a cell.

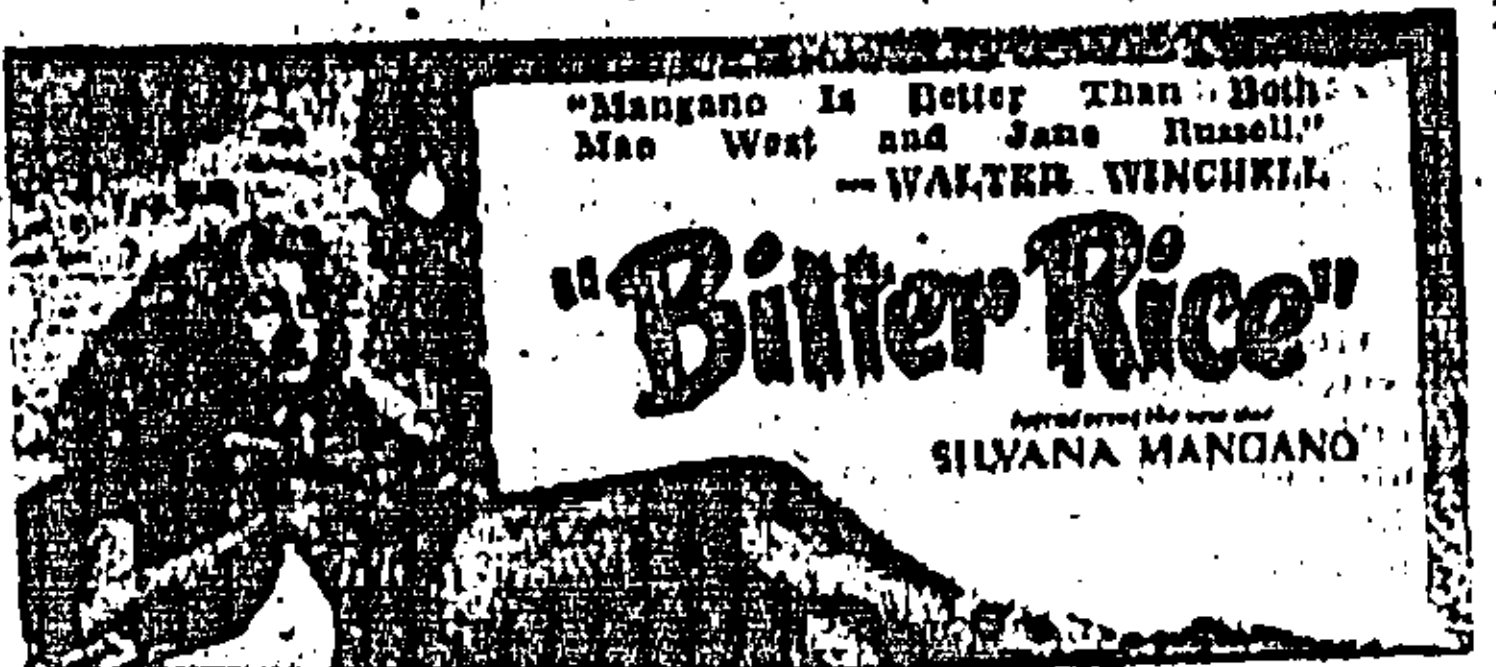
Last month French police expelled Messali Hadj from his home at Philippopolis and ordered him to live at Bouzareah, near Algiers. He was sentenced to 10 years' hard labour in 1937 for "endangering France's security."

He was later sent to Brazzaville, in French Equatorial Africa. He was finally allowed to return to Algeria in 1947.

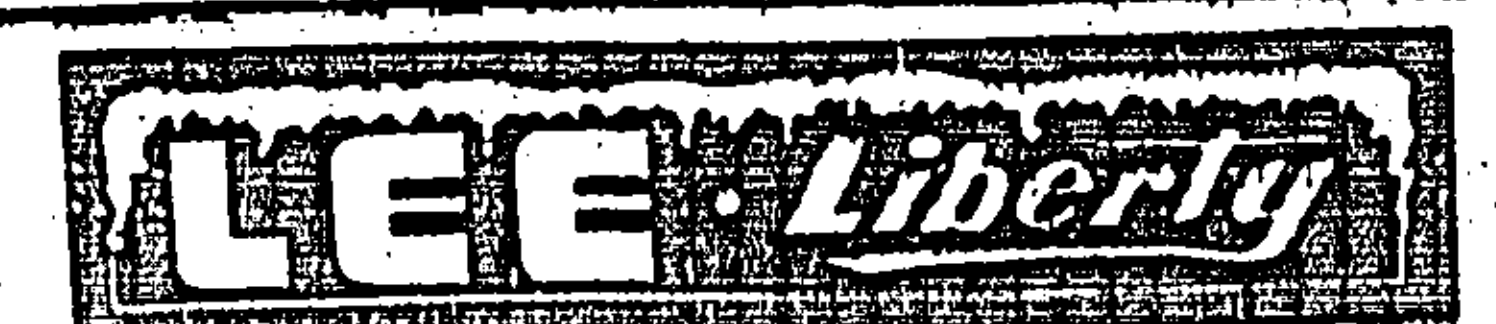
The Algerian Nationalist movement for the triumph of Democratic liberties (MTLD), of which Messali Hadj is leader, today protested against his arrest.

A communiqué issued in Paris by the movement said he was not responsible for the incidents at Oranville.—Reuter.

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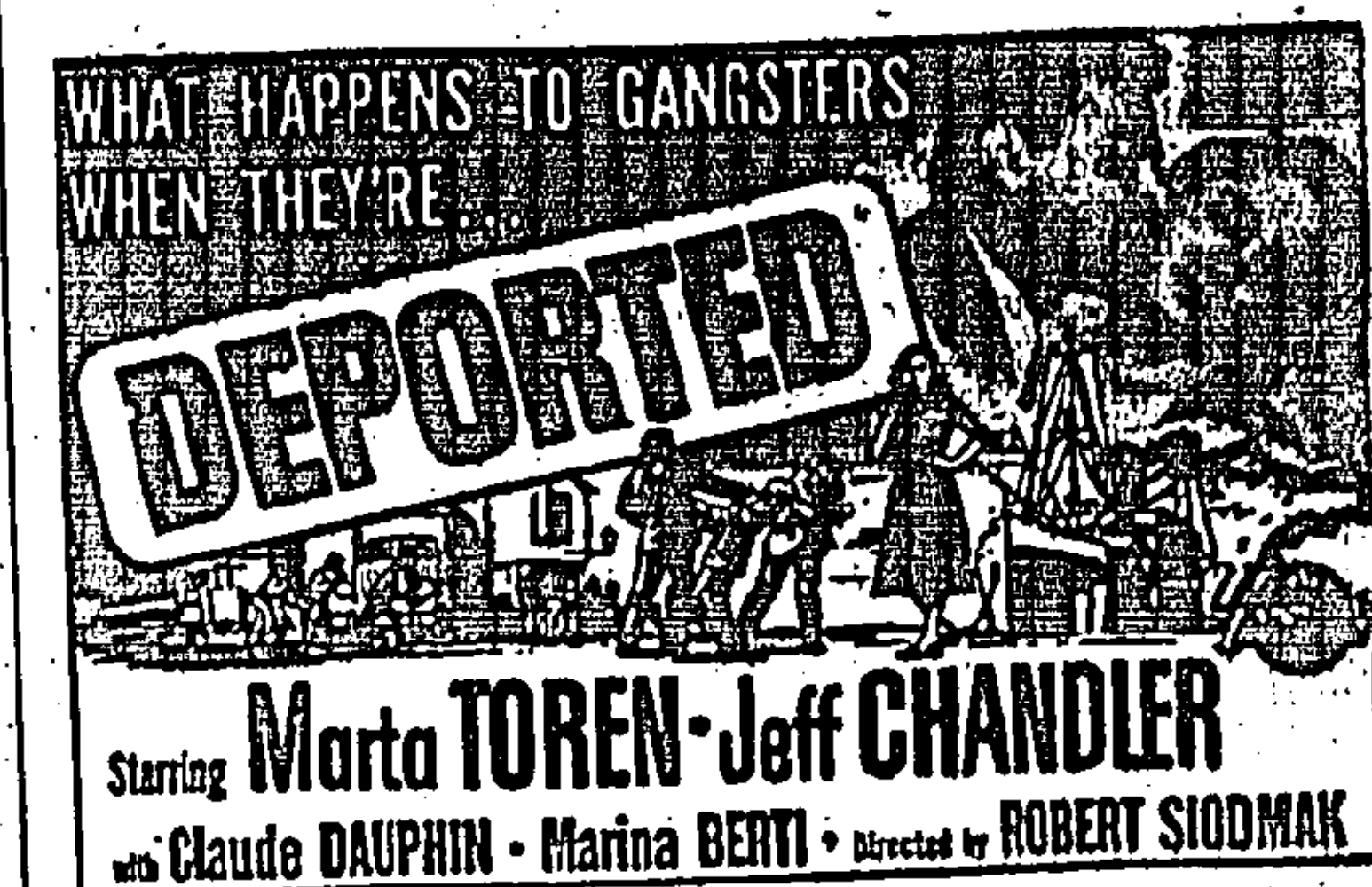


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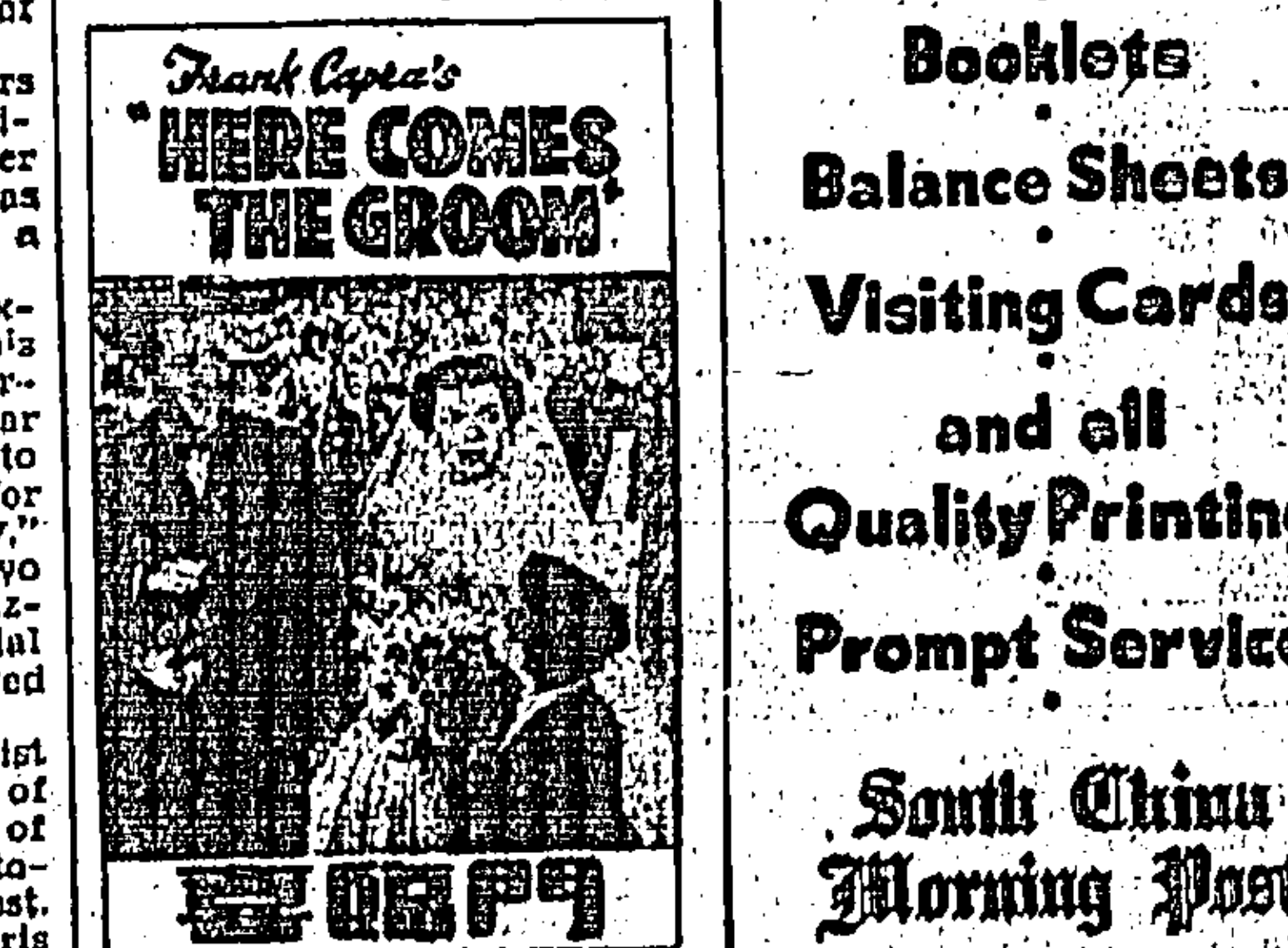


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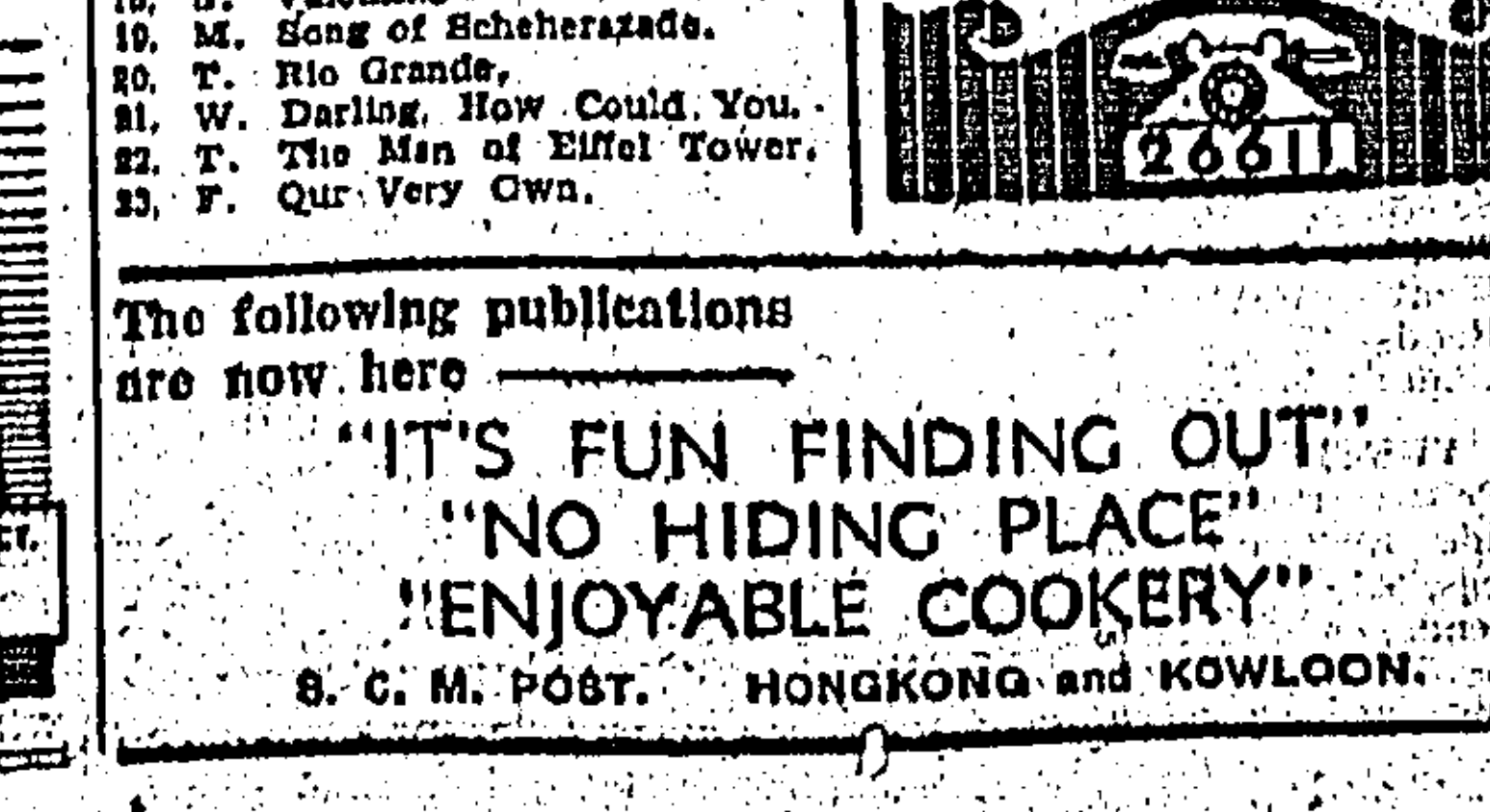


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Union Censure
Of Leaders

London, May 15. After voting four successive chairmen of the platform and passing a vote of censure on their officials for "lack of action," the outdoor workers section of the 95,000-strong Union of Past Office Workers, at a Blackpool conference today, demanded for the second year running that no letters should be delivered after the first post on Saturdays. A demand for a £7 a week minimum wage for farm workers was made at a conference of the National Union of Agriculture Workers at Skegness. — Reuter.

Electrified
Wire Fences
For Malaya

Singapore, May 15. The Malayan Government today issued a new emergency regulation authorizing the electrification of fences surrounding resettlement camps and villages. The regulation is aimed at preventing food supplies being passed out to terrorists, an announcement said. There would be no compensation for anyone killed or injured as a result of the electrification.

In many cases food has been supplied to terrorists by friends and relatives living in these fenced villages.

In London, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, told the House of Commons last night that the measures taken by the Malayan Federal Government last month affecting the village of Sungai Pelek, near which there had been 32 terrorist attacks in the last 11 months, were not primarily punitive but intended to help the security forces in destroying the bandits.

"It became clear that people inside the village were supplying food to the terrorists," he was replying to Mr. Woodrow Wyatt (Labour member) requesting a statement on the "collective punishment" imposed on the village.

A new perimeter fence was being built to prevent food supplies being given to terrorists and to afford greater security to villagers.

Asked how long the restrictions would continue, Mr. Lyttelton replied: "The reduction of rice by 40 per cent is for a fortnight and the perimeter curfew is seven days."

Questioned about the effect of these measures on children, he said he knew of no evidence to suggest that there had been any serious case of malnutrition. The perimeter curfew did not impose any hardship on children. — Reuter.

INCIDENT TO BE
INVESTIGATED BY
A SPECIAL BOARD

Facts To Be Made Public

Washington, May 15.

General Mark Clark, supreme commander in the Far East, is convening a special board of inquiry to establish the facts in the Koje Prison Camp incident, it was disclosed today.

The chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, Representative Carl Vinson, revealed the action in rejecting angry Congressional demands for an immediate investigation of the incident.

Mr. Vinson promised to make public every fact dealing with the affair consistent with the safety of American soldiers fighting in Korea.

Informed sources disclosed that the Secretary of the Army, Mr. Frank Pace, personally repudiated concessions made to prison camp leaders in return for the release of Brig-Gen. Francis Dodd.

Representative Mike Mansfield had introduced a resolution in the House demanding an immediate investigation. Ex-Marine Mansfield accused General Dodd of "outrageous carelessness" in exposing himself to capture. His resolution demanded an investigation of the case by Mr. Vinson's committee.

Mr. Vinson, however, feared that the "true perspective of the situation may be completely lost as a result of widespread public disclosure of the utterly stupid acts of two officers."

He referred to General Dodd and Brig-Gen. Charles Colson. General Colson made concessions to Red prisoners before they released General Dodd.

In a letter to Representative W. Sterling Cole, who also demanded an investigation, Mr. Vinson questioned the advisability of any Congressional inquiry at this time.

ALL THE FACTS
"I have been advised that a board of inquiry will be convened to determine all facts in this matter. I have a very strong conviction that General Mark Clark should be given an opportunity to proceed with the board of inquiry, and set his own house in order."

Both Generals Dodd and Colson returned to Korea last night for new assignments after meeting General Clark in Tokyo. It is expected they will testify in Korea before a board of officers.

It is also believed General James van Fleet, Eighth Army commander, will take a personal part in the inquiry. The board of inquiry is empowered to determine facts

and make recommendations. Decisions are not usually published.

Mr. Vinson promised that as soon as General Clark had an opportunity to take such action as might be indicated he would be willing to have his committee conduct an investigation.

"Certainly every fact in connection with this situation which is consistent with the safety of our troops and the interests of this nation must be made known to the public and I assure you of my full cooperation to that end," said Mr. Vinson.

DISGRACEFUL EVENTS
Washington, May 15.

Representative Michael Mansfield (Democrat, Montana) introduced a Bill calling for a Congressional investigation of the Koje Island prison camp revolt in which the camp commandant, General Francis T. Dodd, was seized by Communist prisoners.

He told the House of Representatives, "In the light of the disgraceful events which have occurred I sincerely doubt that the American people will be able to sleep soundly in the confidence that their protection is being adequately provided for by our military leaders."

Mr. Mansfield said that failure to hear the terms agreed by General Colson for the release of the Communist prisoners would be a prime example of the United Nations' failure to live up to their promises and would offer a ready excuse to the Communists to break off the truce talks.

(The terms were repudiated today by General Mark Clark, United Nations Commander in Korea, as having been accepted under physical threat to the life of a United Nations officer.)

After a secret meeting of the Senate Armed Services Committee, at which the Army Secretary, Mr. Frank Pace, was questioned, Senator Styles Bridges (Republican, New Hampshire) told the Senate that its Preparedness Sub-Committee would investigate the Koje incident.

Senator Bridges praised the action of General Clark for repudiating the concessions made to the prisoners. He called the incident a "disgraceful affair" which was being used for world-wide propaganda purposes by the Communists.

Mr. Pace's testimony was not disclosed but one member said afterwards he assured the Committee that "the full facts and story about Koje have not been made public." — Reuter.

Britain May
Appeal To
World Court

London, May 15. Diplomatic quarters believe that Britain may take before the Hague Court her objections against the new Icelandic fishing regulations which came into effect today.

It is understood that the question was discussed when the British Minister to Iceland, Mr. J. D. Greenway, called at the Foreign Office this afternoon. He returned to London for consultations following the rejection of Britain's case against the new fishing restrictions contained in an Icelandic note to Britain which is due to be published shortly.

Britain objects to Iceland's decision to claim a four-mile limit of territorial waters and also to the application of the base line method of delimiting territorial waters in enclosing the great Bay of Faxe Fjord.

Both these contentions, it was understood here tonight, have been rejected in the Icelandic note.

The new Icelandic regulations are bitterly criticised by British trawler-men from the east coast ports of Hull and Grimsby who are now excluded from areas where they have fished for more than 50 years.

They have been warned by the British Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries that they risk detention and fines by Icelandic courts if they fish in the restricted seas from today. — Reuter.

Milestone In
Mutual Aid

A ceremony was held on board the U.S. aircraft-carrier Tripoli recently to celebrate the loading of the 3,000,000th ton of military equipment for N.A.T.O. countries. From left to right are Capt. R.N. Sharp USN, Dr. John van Hattum (Netherlands), Col. Andrew Meulenberg (U.S. Air Force) and M. Andre Delvaux (Belgium). — Express Photo.

Eisenhower May
Reduce Taft's
Lead Today

New York, May 15.

General Eisenhower is expected to reduce Senator Robert Taft's lead in their contest for the Republican presidential nomination when Oregon, the first of the three West coast States, votes in primary elections tomorrow.

Senator Taft is not an official candidate in the popularity ballot and has discouraged voters from "writing in" his name.

The main battle will, therefore, be for the 18 State delegates to the Party's national convention in July.

After the Senator's success yesterday in West Virginia, where he won 15 of the 16 delegates, independent estimates credited him with 304 delegates to General Eisenhower's 304. At least 604 are necessary to win the nomination.

General Eisenhower's main official opponent in the popularity vote tomorrow is Governor Earl Warren of California, Oregon's southern neighbor. Though he is popular on the Pacific coast he is not expected to win many votes.

The Eisenhower campaign has been led by Senator Wayne Morse, a powerful political figure in Oregon, and is backed by the Governor of the State, Mr. Douglas McKay.

On the Democratic side, Senator Estes Kefauver is the only candidate on the ballot paper and is generally expected to get about 70 per cent of the poll.

Mr. Adlai Stevenson, Governor of Illinois, and Mr. William Douglas, a Justice of the Supreme Court, have both urged voters not to write in their names.

Senator Kefauver is fighting his own customary battle to win delegates against a State political machine which is asking Democrats to support "unpledged" candidates. — Reuter.

TRUMAN TOUR
Washington, May 15.

President Truman said today that he would conduct another nationwide tour of the United States in support of the Democratic Party's Presidential candidate in next November's general election.

Mr. Truman, discussed with his weekly Press conference his political plans regarding the Convention of the Democratic Party, which will nominate in July the Democratic candidate.

He might attend the Convention in person. He would not do this, however, until candidates for President and Vice-President had been chosen because he did not wish to exercise improper influence over the Convention as President.

He would make a speech at the Convention on behalf of the Democratic candidate, which would be the start of his speaking tour of the country.

Anybody chosen by the Convention would have his support and he would work for him just as hard as he had worked for his own election in 1948. — Mr. Truman praised all the rival contenders for the De-

Russians In Germany
Stop British
Army Patrol

Berlin, May 15.

The Soviet authorities tonight stopped a British military Police patrol from entering the 96-mile Autobahn linking West Germany with West Berlin.

The patrol was stopped at the Soviet Zone check point near Helmstedt, West Germany, as it tried to start a routine drive to West Berlin. It had come from Berlin this morning without incident.

The Allied authorities had hoped earlier that interference with their military patrols had ended today after eight days of difficulties.

Up to last night the patrols, which make six runs daily on the road to help Allied civilian motorists in case of breakdowns, had not been allowed through by Soviet border guards. But they permitted a patrol of American military police to pass last night as the first one in six days. This morning, however, they again refused clearance for an American patrol though they let a British one through.

Later today Soviet Army officials said that the base on the American car was a "regrettable mistake" which would not recur. Allied officials said here today that the Soviet guards demanded new documents from the Allied drivers.

"But as far as we know the Soviet authorities forgot to print them," they added.

NO TROUBLE
No Soviet interference with general inter-zonal road traffic was reported today.

German drivers arriving here over a newly opened inter-zonal highway linking Hamburg with Berlin also reported no trouble. The new highway is 48 miles shorter than the previous one through Herrenburg-Luebeck which was closed today.

The new highway is open only to German traffic. Allied vehicles continue to use the Helmstedt-Berlin Autobahn only.

The Russian authorities later today also stopped an American military police patrol from entering the Autobahn at the Soviet Zone check-point near Helmstedt, West Germany.

Another American patrol, however, left Berlin for Helmstedt this evening without any difficulty. — Reuter.

"FIN" FRICKS
Berlin, May 15.

The Soviets continued to harass United States and British military highway patrols today after a 24-hour lull-up and slowed down German goods and food passing through the Soviet Zone.

The Soviet actions, aimed at making the Western powers and the Germans think twice before signing their contract agreement and incorporating German soldiers into the European Army, followed no set pattern.

The Allied authorities described the Soviet obstruction activities of the past two weeks as a "series of pin pricks" but added that they were closely watching them.

After a week of halting U.S. military patrols on the 110-mile "Helmstedt" highway from Berlin to the West, the Soviets let up yesterday, then began halting U.S. patrols again today.

The Russians explained to U.S. officers that the patrol halting today was a "regrettable misunderstanding" — but continued to stop American military police nevertheless.

Some 40-50 German trailer trucks were backlogged at both ends of the highway tonight, loaded with goods and food. Drivers reported waiting up to 12 hours to be cleared through the Soviet checkpoints at the Berlin and Helmstedt ends of the road. Without explanation, the Soviets also closed the German-only truck crossing point between the Soviet and British Zones at Elrich Walkenried. Four hours later, the Eastern police again opened the road.

**ALBANIA'S
"NATIONAL
CHURCH"**

Vatican City, May 15.

The Communist Government of Albania has cut the link between the Roman Catholic clergy in the country and the Vatican. It was stated today.

The Communists have proclaimed a national church founded on Jesus Christ but without any administrative, economic and political relation to the Pope, Vatican sources said.

The Catholic Church in Albania, according to this new statute, is subject to Divine Law, to the laws of the country and to the canon laws of the Church of Rome if the latter are not contrary to Albanian civil law and public order.

The statute provides that the bishops are subject to approval by the Government.

The Archbishop of the Albanian church is the only one authorized to maintain contacts with church authorities abroad, but only through the official organs of the Government.

Albanian bishops may not ordain priests except in accordance with the civil laws in force in the country.

The Pontifical year book of 1952 states that only one of Albania's seven bishops is free and that the fate of the other six is unknown. — Reuter.

Accompanying their pinpricking the Soviets stepped up their propaganda, latest against the contractual agreement and the latest Western reply to the Soviet note on German unification and the peace treaty. East Zone German Communists called a mass meeting for Friday to protest against the West German police "brutality" in suppressing a Communist-led demonstration in East Berlin Sunday which caused the death of one youth, injuries to 19 policemen and scores of arrests. — United Press.

RUSSIAN ALLEGATION
Berlin, May 15.

The East German News Agency ADN reported today that the Russian authorities here protested to the French against another alleged violation of the air corridor between West Berlin and West Germany.

Soviet General Trussov told French Colonel Meier in a letter that a French DC-4 plane had left the air corridor near Halle on Monday and flew a short time over East Germany.

Colonel Trussov repeated Soviet warnings that the French would be held responsible for the consequences of such actions.

On April 29, Russian fighters shot up a French civil airliner when it allegedly left the air corridor on its way to Berlin.

Friday the Russian authorities protested against the violation of the air corridor by a French military plane the day before.

French officials admitted that a courier plane did swerve out of the corridor.

They have not yet replied to the Russian protest.

"We are still waiting for a Soviet reply to our note protesting at the last night attack on a civil plane," a French spokesman said. — Reuter.

**Eisenhower
Entertained
By Queen
Elizabeth**

London, May 15.

General Dwight Eisenhower came to say farewell to London today, and within three hours gave three Queens his views on the international outlook and the defences of Europe.

The General, with his wife, arrived in his private plane at London Airport on the goodbye tour of European capitals he is making before leaving his post as Allied Supreme Commander in Europe.

He had only time for a wash and a brush-and for Mrs. Eisenhower a change into a black silk suit—at the Dorchester Hotel before driving to Buckingham Palace.

First the General and his wife had a talk with Queen Mother Elizabeth. Then they lunched with the reigning monarch, Queen Elizabeth, and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh.

In the afternoon, the Eisenhower's visited Britain's Dowager Queen, 85-year-old Queen Mary.

As soon as he got back to the hotel, the General plunged into work in his suite with his secretary while Mrs. Eisenhower went shopping.

Tonight he dined with Mr. Churchill at No. 10 Downing Street—a world was two in one and an occasion for reminiscing. Among the 30 guests were some of Eisenhower's old British comrades—Field-Marshal Earl Alexander, Minister of Defence; Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary; Sir James Grigg, wartime War Minister; Lord Redford, who was the General's Deputy Supreme Commander; and Lord Wilson, who as General Henry "Jumbo" Wilson was one of the top wartime commanders in the Middle East and Mediterranean.

General Eisenhower's visit here is purely a social one, the United States Embassy said. "Tomorrow he will lunch with Earl Alexander."

A sight of honour from the Royal Navy, the Army and the R.A.F. will be at London Airport to salute him as he returns to Paris.

Before taking off he will give a short Press conference. — Reuter.

**German Firm
To Be Sold**

Washington, May 15.

The Government announced today that it will sell E. Letz, Incorporated, of New York City, a \$1,000,000 firm seized during World War II because it was German-owned.

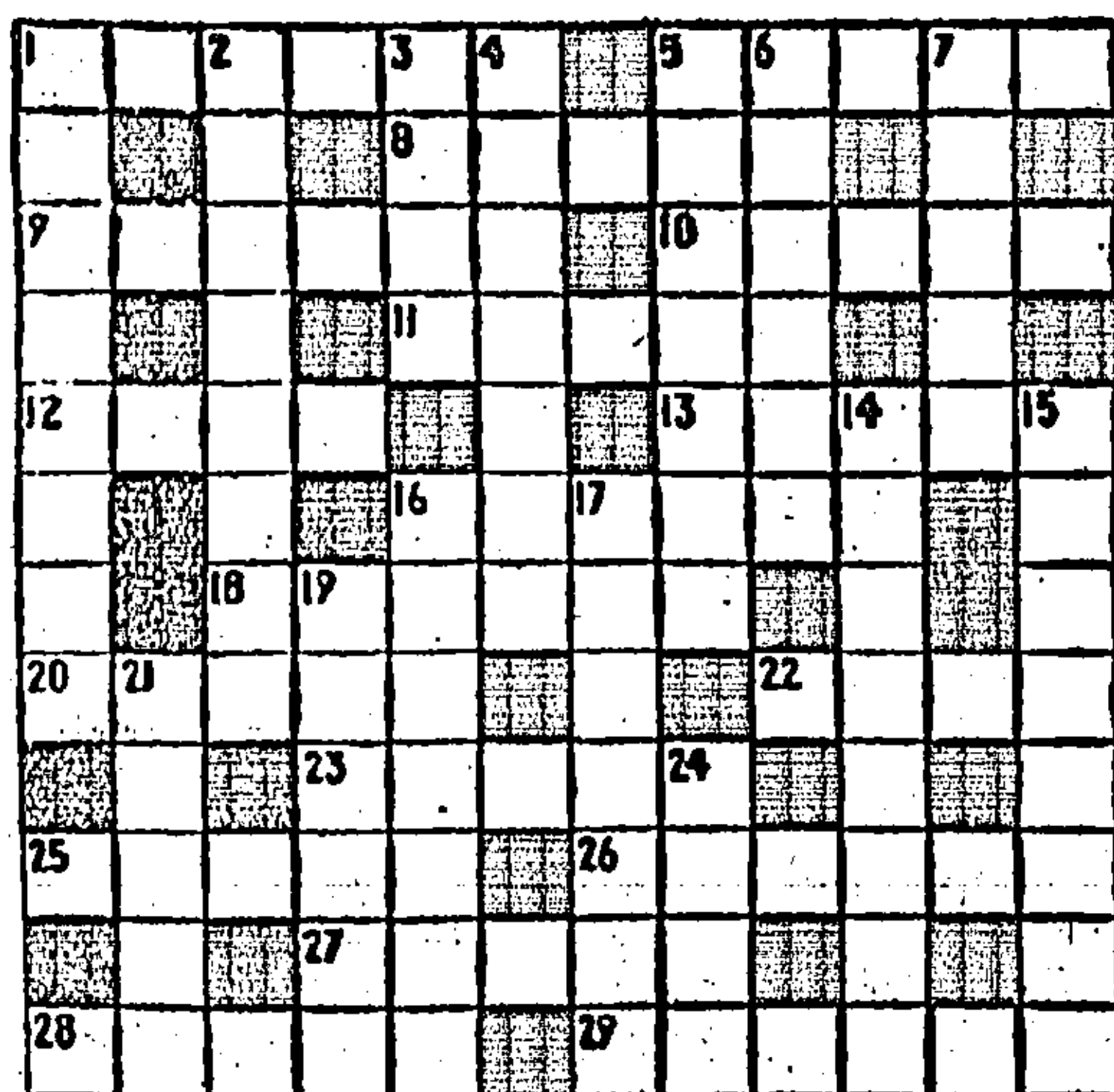
The Acting Attorney-General, Mr. Philip Perlman, said that seized bids would be received until July at the Alien Property Office in New York. Only American citizens are permitted to bid.

The firm, which had sales totalling \$3,320,000 last year, imports, distributes and repairs cameras and accessories, and other types of high precision scientific and optical instruments manufactured in Germany. — United Press.

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A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Run away (6)
- 5 Once more (5)
- 6 Azog (5)
- 9 Outcome (6)
- 10 Stock farm (5)
- 11 Enterlain (5)
- 12 Ful (4)
- 13 Diadem (5)
- 16 Demure (6)
- 18 Delight (6)
- 20 Described amounts (5)
- 22 Flightless bird (4)
- 23 High room (5)
- 25 Scold (6)
- 26 Tame (6)
- 27 Went wrong (5)
- 28 Rends (5)
- 29 Underhanded conduct (6)

DOWN

- 1 Instructed (8)
- 2 Habits (8)
- 3 Setten (4)
- 4 Loyalist (7)
- 5 Made effervescent (7)
- 6 Free of charge (5)
- 7 Bring on (5)
- 8 Pace (6)
- 13 Mshap (6)
- 15 Gets the better of (7)
- 17 Obtained (7)
- 18 Chief (6)
- 21 Pigment (5)
- 24 Cipher (4)

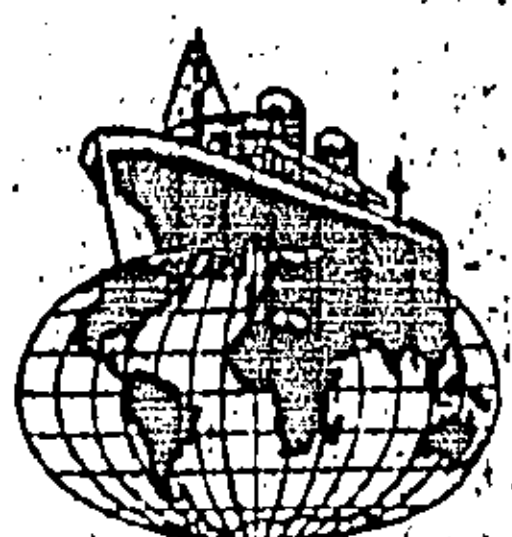
YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Hector, 5 Antic, 8 Peit, 9 Portal, 10 Tools, 12 Dilute, 14 Pile, 16 Dread, 18 Abide, 19 Tear, 20 Sorter, 24 Route, 25 Rodent, 26 Noon, 27 Dregs, 28 Redeem. Down: 1 Hope, 2 Cord, 3 Opal, 4 Relate, 5 Attends, 6 Trooper, 7 Custody, 10 Timid, 13 Matured, 14 Picnic, 15 Lessons, 17 Rated, 19 Terror, 21 Tons, 22 Rans, 23 Stem.



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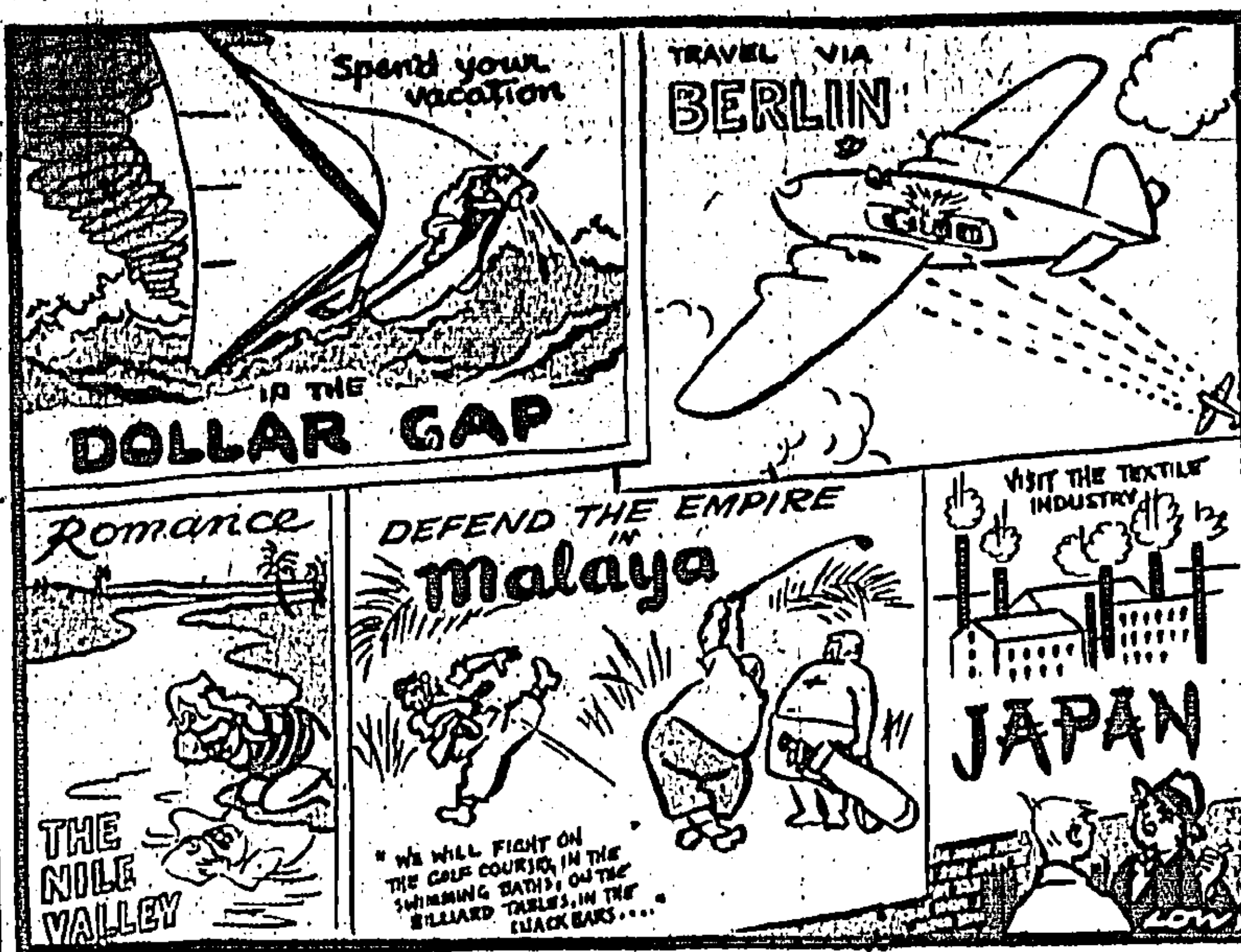
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FRENCHMEN SHOCKED BY TERRIBLE ERRORS OF JUSTICE

By STEPHEN COULTER

Paris. OUT on the cafe terraces, over lunch tables and in country buses rolling down the roads of France, there is uneasy talk. The French are asking themselves the disquieting question: "How many innocent men are lying in gaol? How many have already been guillotined or sent to the firing squad for crimes they did not commit?"

There is talk of grave scandals and "hushing up." There is startling evidence of carelessness in judicial proceedings. In the last few months so many terrible errors of justice have come to light that the Frenchman's confidence in the legal machinery of his country is badly shaken.

Hardly can the Frenchman open his morning paper now days without seeing another case of a man imprisoned without proof, sentenced on false evidence. He thinks of the hundreds of "executions" and summary judgments of the Liberation days and asks: "What is French justice coming to?"

SHOCKERS

SOME of the cases are shocking. The latest one to shake public opinion is that of Charles Gauthier.

Gauthier, now aged 45, was a motor salesman in Western France when war broke out. At the German invasion of 1940, he fled to Sète, on the Mediterranean coast, where he found work as a commercial traveller in books.

On the Liberation, however, he was suddenly arrested and charged with collaboration with the Germans. Police quoted witnesses who alleged seeing Gauthier at Sète and Nîmes in the uniform of a Vichy secret police agent armed with a Tommy gun.

Gauthier vigorously protested his innocence, and managed to

escape to Switzerland. French authorities opened a formal inquiry into his activities. The charges against him were maintained, and though he could not be brought to trial, a Toulouse court sentenced him to death in his absence.

As if this were not enough, further charges were brought against him by authorities in Nîmes. A Nîmes court found him guilty of collaboration and also sentenced him to death.

For five years Gauthier stayed in Switzerland, knowing he could never return to France. But in 1949 the French authorities at last persuaded the Swiss to extradite him. Gauthier was arrested in Basle and brought home.

FORGED

HE was thrown into gaol and informed that the first death sentence had been commuted to five years' hard labour, but that when he had served this term he would have to face trial for confirmation of the second death sentence.

Gauthier appealed. For three years he remained in prison serving his five-year sentence. Recently he was brought into court—and an incredible scene followed.

Judges, prosecutor and police found that every scrap of "evidence" against him had been forged. Carefully preserved testimonies were shown to be worthless and based on inventions. Witnesses named in the prosecution's documents said: "We have never seen this man. We have never brought any charges against him. Nobody has even taken evidence from us."

Commissionaire Andre Calvel, of Nîmes police, whose name figured on Gauthier's interrogation papers, told the court: "I never said anything to do with Gauthier. I have never ques-

tioned him. Somebody has used my name."

The trial broke up in confusion. Gauthier was released. He believes he was the victim of personal vengeance by a woman. But the French man in the street is shocked. He is saying that there must be something fundamentally wrong with a system of justice which allows such errors. And how many more, he asks, have been committed?

NO LICENCE

THERE is the case of Raymond Sonn. Four years ago in the streets of Forbach a green lorry knocked down and fatally injured a man named Fillard—and drove on. Witnesses said they had seen Raymond Sonn, then only 15 years old, at the wheel. Raymond had no driving licence, but his father, a contractor, owned a green lorry.

Police found the right hand wing cracked. Green paint on the victim's coat was compared with the paint on the Sonn lorry and declared to be the same. In addition, Raymond Sonn admitted that he had passed the scene of the accident half an hour before it happened. Since Raymond was a minor, his father was ordered to pay a big fine, to hand over several thousand pounds damages to the victim's wife and make a heavy monthly payment to M. Fillard's child.

M. Sonn senior has paid.... and gone on paying for four years.

Recently he succeeded in persuading police to check the facts again. Police later arrested Marcel Kleren, a young soldier, who has confessed that he was driving another green lorry and that it was he who knocked down and killed M. Fillard. "When I kept quiet," he said, "I was afraid."

And Frenchmen are asking themselves: "If it happened to me, what would be my chances of proving my innocence?"

Recently two men, Jean Esk, 35, and Raymond Sonsonens, 40, who had waited five years in gaol in a confusion of trial, re-trial and appeal, were tried for a third time on a charge of armed hold-up and found not guilty. There was not a solid piece of evidence

Malayan Resettlement Nearly Completed

By LACHIE McDONALD

Johore Bahru. THE first of 50 Englishwomen who recently volunteered for welfare work in the Federation of Malaya have already reached the "new villages" where they will teach Chinese peasant families a better way of life.

The "new villages," where these women will work in pairs, now total about 300, and house an estimated 425,000 people. By the end of the year there will be another 40 villages to take the 80,000 men, women and children the authorities in

Malaya estimate must still be resettled. Then, except for the all-important educational and welfare work planned to shield these people against Communist propaganda, one of the world's biggest orderly transfers of population will have been completed.

Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner-General for the United Kingdom in Southeast Asia, recently called the scheme "one of the largest and potentially most creative experiments in human resettlement achieved by any government in any country at any time."

Immediate objective of the operation is to provide better protection for the half million people involved. Until they were transferred from lonely jungle huts to the "new villages," they were easy prey for Communist guerrillas hunting food, recruits and information. A secondary, but equally important aim is to give these people, mostly Chinese, better homes, better schools and special services than were available to them in the isolated valleys from which nearly all of them have been transferred.

Until British Government officers started resettlement back in the closing months of 1948, these half million people lived on little plots of land they didn't own and had not leased. Families had simply moved to likely sites on the fringe of the jungle, built flimsy thatched-roofed huts, and cleared the ground for growing vegetables and raising pigs.

When the British returned to Malaya at the end of the Japanese war, the half million "squatters," as they were quickly named, were well settled. The squatters were hard-working, inoffensive peasant-farmers and no one really bothered about them. Cities as distant as Singapore itself were relying upon the squatters for much of their fresh vegetables, pork and poultry.

The squatter families had cleared back the jungle at the edge of rubber estates and country villages. They had burned the tall grass, Malay long, coarse grass from lonely rivers, valleys running into the central mountain range, and turned the bottomland into flourishing market gardens. By the middle of 1948, some of the more advanced of the nine State administrations on the Malayan peninsula were considering how best to grant the squatters titles to their small plots of land.

Then, overnight, the half million squatters became a major and pressing problem for the Federal Government, based on Kuala Lumpur, as well as for each of the State administrations. It was to the isolated, unprotected squatter huts that the Communist guerrillas, themselves nearly all Chinese, went for food and other support after June 1948, when they first took to the jungle in open, armed defiance of British and British-backed administration.

There will be always be an element of risk. The Communist guerrillas have recruited youths from country coffee-shops—local equivalent of the English public house—and quite a number of their Chinese clansmen now resettled in the "new villages" still try secretly to help these outlaws by tossing rice and other almost priceless supplies over the barbed-wire fence of "new villages" when the nights are darkest.

That's when the present hit-and-run war started. Now, nearly four years later, it is still bleeding Malaya and Malayan of all races—Chinese, Malay, Indian and European. But there are fewer unprotected squatter families for roving Communist gangs to prey upon. Resettlement has seen to that.

The "new villages" have been established down the 500-mile long Malayan peninsula. There are more than 40 along the 350 miles of main road from Johore Bahru, at the southern tip of the peninsula, to inland Kuala Lumpur, the Federal capital.

Passing motorists see the new settlements screened by tall, barbed-wire fences, eight feet high, with aprons on the outside to make climbing even more difficult. When the main road cuts through the centre of one of the "new villages," cars must stop while special constables, usually smiling Malays, check the vehicles and passengers for legal weapons or food that could fall into the hands of Communist guerrillas.

The high fences aren't so much to keep people inside as to keep the guerrillas outside. In the many troubled districts, people of the "new villages" must observe night-time curfew. Special constables, enlisted from the inhabitants, patrol the fences at night, and watch the gates all day. Only security-force vehicles, and people with special curfew passes, travel at night when the gates must be specially opened.

Few of the "new villages" are very imposing. Usually the public buildings are roofed in aluminium sheets, shiny in the sun but cool below, while most dwellings are thatched with attap, the palm-leaves so popular throughout rural Malaya. But the villagers now have opportunities for a better life than they could have expected from the lonely huts where they lived before.

It's to help educate the children, nurse the sick and generally supervise the welfare of the "new villages" that English women, trained Red Cross workers, are already reaching Malaya. General Sir Gerald Templer, new High Commissioner in the Federation of Malaya, has asked Australia for other volunteers to help in the "new villages."

The work won't be easy for any of them, but it should be satisfying. It will be a fight against superstition and ignorance.

American Column from R. M. MacCOLL

THE NEW RECRUIT IS A GENERAL

Washington. ANOTHER general gets into the great American political act of 1952—our old friend General Albert Coady Wedemeyer, a breezy 55-year-old and a Commander of the Order of the Bath.

He announces in Washington—with Taft smiling at his side—that he is assuming the chairmanship of a "National Citizens for Taft" committee.

And he reveals that among the "numerous prominent citizens" who have urged him to take the post in support of "Mr Republican" is yet another general—MacArthur. Wedemeyer says he likes Taft because he will "turn our country away from the path of the bores."

Socialism and "restore honesty and integrity to government." WEDMEYER, now retired, was commander of U.S. Forces in the China theatre from 1944 to 1946. Later he was chief of staff to General Chiang Kai-shek, and then made a survey of China and Y for President Truman.

His subsequent report and recommendations were kept secret for years by the Administration to the tune of charges from the Opposition that they were suppressed for political purposes.

THE HUMAN TOUCH. Columnist Hy Gardner, who visited Churchill Downs for the Kentucky Derby, reports that after it was all over most of the spectators had longer faces than the horses.

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♠	K 9 5 3		
♥	K 6		
♦	A J 9 7 4		
WEST			
♠	Q 10 8 7		
♥	10 8 7 6		
♦	Q J 10 9		
♣	5		
EAST			
♠	None		
♥	9 5 4		
♦	8 7 4 2		
♣	K Q 10 8 3 2		
SOUTH			
♠	A J 6 4 2		
♥	K Q 3 2		
♦	A 5 3		
♣	6		

North-South vul.

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	Pass
7 ♠	Pass	7 ♠	Pass

Opening lead—♦ Q

By OSWALD JACOBY

THERE are bound to be beautifully played hands in any national tournament, and the Vanderbilt Cup Tournament, now being played in New York, is no exception to the rule.

I'll be surprised, however, if this year's tournament produces as elegant a hand as the one that B. J. Becker played in last year's Vanderbilt Tournament in Chicago.

Becker won the opening lead with dummy's king of diamonds and began a safety play by leading a trump from dummy. It would have been fatal had he led the trump by leading down dummy's king.

When East discarded a club on the first round of trumps, Becker won with the ace of spades and returned a low trump towards dummy. West put up the ten of spades, and dummy won with the king.

It was now Becker's turn to continue trumps, for West would take the queen and lead out a fourth trump to prevent dummy from ruffing a diamond later on. Hence Becker took the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond with dummy's ace of spades before continuing the trumps.

At this point Becker, one of the most careful bridge players in the world, noticed something that most players would overlook. If he won the light back to trumps, West would take the queen of spades and lead a fourth diamond.

South would have to ruff and draw the last trump. The hearts would then be blocked, and there would be no way to win the rest of the tricks.

Hence Becker, patiently led out the ace and king of hearts from the dummy, before going back to the trumps. But even this was not enough. If he led trumps at this point, West would take the queen of spades and return a club. Then the only way to win out of dummy would be by way of a second round of clubs—which would give West a trump trick.

So Becker carefully cashed the ace and king of hearts, leading the king of spades. But then it was safe to lead the trump. West could take his queen, but no matter what he then returned, dummy was bound to regain the lead in order to draw the last trump and win the rest of the tricks.

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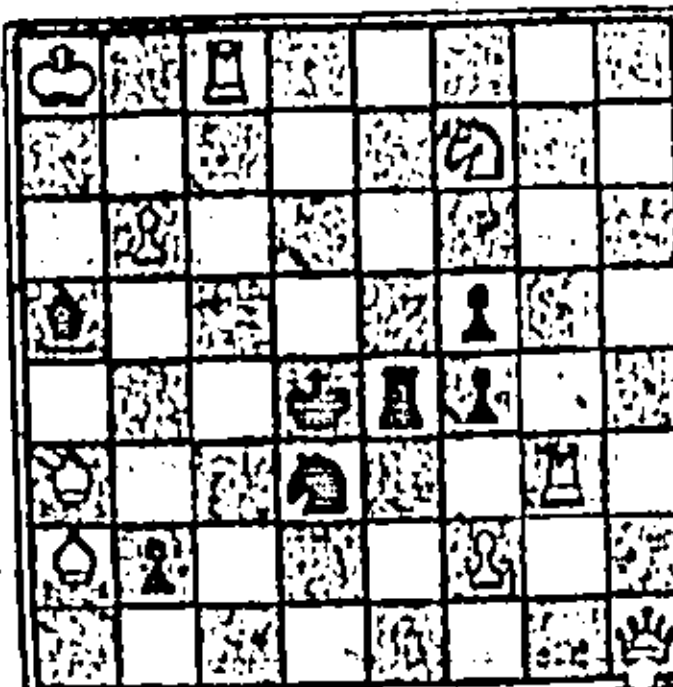
Q—The bidding has been: North Pass, East Pass, South Pass, West Pass. What do you do?

A—Bid two no-trump. This is a safe bid for the fact that you have passed originally. This pass warns your partner that you have less than an opening bid and that you have probably stretched to make the jump response.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades J-10-9, Hearts K-Q-J, Diamonds K-A-3-2, Club 6. What do you do?

CHESS PROBLEM

By C. MANSFIELD
(BCF Tourney 66)
Black, 7 pieces

White, 9 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Kt-B7, any; 2. R, or Kt (dbl ch), mates.

DUMB BELLS

NOTICE YOUR WORK LATELY HAS BEEN PERFORMED BY A MOST PERFECT MANNER!



"Here's looking at you."

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

By raising the school-leaving age for dogs we ought to be able to substitute speech for all this meaningless barking and whining.

The dog who, at the age of one, said "Hello" to his owner was, perhaps, only showing off. But any man who has made a study of dogs will tell you that, though they talk a frightful lot of nonsense, they are often worth listening to.

There is a retriever which can sign its name when its paws are guided by its master. As for the Chihuahua terrier which forged its master's name on a cheque, it should be sent at once to a dog reformatory.

In passing

A REVIEWER wrote the other day about the present craze for filthy novels. Since he is against any official censorship, there is a simple remedy to hand. The reviewer, himself, can establish an unofficial censorship by ignoring disgusting novels instead of reviewing them. The publishers would then have nothing to quote, and so few people would know that these novels even appeared that the publication of offensive muck would cease to be profitable.

Is the human foot

doomed?

IS there a powerful gang of chiropodists behind the boosing of television? It has been stated that by watching television all the time, children are getting 'bad' feet through lack of exercise. If this is true, every child must be supplied with a mobile television set, or chiropodists must be given right of entry to any house in which children are going to sit on the screen.

The human foot, said Professor Cleave yesterday, "may gradually become atrophied, through disuse. So may the human body. We may have a world in which heads with staring eyes sit all day in front of screens."

Nothing to do with you—

So many letters have come in asking: "When is Jack Turbot coming?" that I have had to engage several new secretaries. In addition to my personal, private confidential, assistant, and general secretaries. An average of 558,231 letters per day for the last 17 days shows that the public is even sillier than I thought. What business is it of anybody's to know when Jack Turbot is coming? If I told them they would want to know why he was coming. Therefore my secretaries are instructed to reply that I neither know nor care anything about Jack Turbot. This, of course, brings indignation, protest, and letters are ignored. Thus does the long day wear to its close, and night descends, and the stars come out.

Without comment

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YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, MAY 16

BORN today, you have a sharp, retentive memory which can store up data for future use. You are of a cheerful disposition, and if you utilise it in writing, or lecturing, you should become eminently successful. You are successful in society—this applies more particularly to you of the ex-and-wid who make good leaders of philanthropic causes or community campaigns.

Your energy is great and you have an originality of idea and method that sets you apart from the general run of people. You are apt to get a little "one-sided" in your thinking since, once you recognize an idea, you send all your efforts towards proving it. Don't permit yourself to become an intellectual tyrant or a cultural snob. And above all, don't let yourself become fanatical. If you see such tendencies developing, make a conscious effort to broaden your horizons and look at all sides of a subject. You have a great deal of natural wit and would do rather than back down an inch. Remember, a good fighter for any cause may retire and fight again, stronger than ever, some other day!

Although you may appear to be a peace-loving person, you actually crave the love and attention of a close family group to which you are devoted. Although you are a close family group to which you are devoted, you are a close family group to which you are devoted.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—A good day for an irrational reading and meditation. Consider everything; make future plans.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Help those younger than yourself. The problems of children may need careful attention just now.

CANCER (June 22-July 21)—Careful research in a problem may bring a solution. Introduce it diplomatically to others.

LEO (July 22-Aug. 23)—Co-operation with co-workers can be the key to success. Use that formula and rest!

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—A good evening to play host or hostess to visitors from out-of-town. Be gracious, entertaining!

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Meeting new people can prove exciting. Perhaps you are making plans for your vacation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Work out a budget for the summer months and then stick to it! Economy, just now, pays.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 23)—If busy, postpone making any answer or forcing a decision. Better for you, later on!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Paying attention to slow-moving people may pay good dividends. Utilize your charm.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Save all the time you can. Take care of minor details by phone or mail. Reserve your energies.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Original ideas may pay high dividends if applied to a project in progress. Use your initiative.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—This is a day in which the lighter pleasures should release tensions. Plan a holiday.

CROSSWORD

Across

1. The ego for a brief essay. (6)

2. Despatch. (4)

3. About mother in reverse red. (9)

4. Some feathers may. (10)

5. Better to trade by the sea? (4)

6. Bidder. (4)

7. He wrote the Rhymes of a Rolling Stone. (7)

8. Natural time of manufacture? (5)

9. Ruling family line of descent. (7)

10. Gave confidence. (7)

Down

1. Ride in explosive surroundings. (7)

2. (7) This cannot be. (4)

3. Maybe a matter of letters. (4)

4. Here it is much changed. (4)

5. Near the end of the road. (6)

6. One example always has it. (11)

7. In active dried grapes. (7)

8. It returns with a Roman figure. (4)

9. Transporter yards. (6)

10. Minus six. (4)

11. Into the south east. (6)

12. Nothing upset, the rest. (4)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle: Across: 1. One, 2. One, 3. One, 4. One, 5. One, 6. One, 7. One, 8. One, 9. One, 10. One, 11. One, 12. One, 13. One, 14. One, 15. One, 16. One, 17. One, 18. One, 19. One, 20. One, 21. One, 22. One, 23. One, 24. One, 25. One, 26. One, 27. One, 28. One, 29. One, 30. One, 31. One, 32. One, 33. One, 34. One, 35. One, 36. One, 37. One, 38. One, 39. One, 40. One, 41. One, 42. One, 43. One, 44. One, 45. One, 46. One, 47. One, 48. One, 49. One, 50. One, 51. One, 52. One, 53. One, 54. One, 55. One, 56. One, 57. One, 58. One, 59. One, 60. One, 61. One, 62. One, 63. One, 64. One, 65. One, 66. One, 67. One, 68. One, 69. One, 70. One, 71. One, 72. One, 73. One, 74. One, 75. One, 76. One, 77. One, 78. One, 79. One, 80. One, 81. One, 82. One, 83. One, 84. One, 85. One, 86. One, 87. One, 88. One, 89. One, 90. One, 91. One, 92. One, 93. One, 94. One, 95. One, 96. One, 97. One, 98. One, 99. One, 100. One, 101. One, 102. One, 103. One, 104. One, 105. One, 106. One, 107. 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CYRIL WASHBROOK SCORES 182 AGAINST OXFORD

Ceylon Leg-Break Bowler Makes Impressive Debut

London, May 15.

Cyril Washbrook, Lancashire and England opening batsman, in scoring a fine 182 against Oxford University at Oxford today became the highest scorer of the season so far.

The previous best was 171 by Peter May for Cambridge University against Yorkshire while Harold Gimblett reached 169 when batting for Somerset against Worcester.

Washbrook did not give a chance or make a false stroke in an innings which lasted four hours and 40 minutes. It was a splendid innings by a batsman full of confidence and he never looked like getting out until he played on.

Goonescena, a 21-year-old bowler from Ceylon, making his debut in English first-class cricket, finished with a match analysis of eight wickets for 68 runs in the second innings and finished with match figures of 10 wickets for 95 runs.

Harold Gimblett and Maurice Tremlett saved Somerset from a complete collapse in their second innings with a stand of 117 for the third wicket.

Gimblett was the more aggressive, hitting a six and nine fours in his stay of nearly two and a half hours for 83 runs while Tremlett made 43 runs—

—*Reuter.*

At Oxford—Oxford University 174 and 90 for two, Lancashire 364 (Washbrook 182, Place 50).

At Birmingham—Warwickshire 273 and six for no wicket.

Glamorgan 226 (E. Davies 75, Hollies five for 59).—*Reuter.*

CLOSE-OF-PLAY SCORES

London, May 15. The following are the close of play scores of county cricket matches played today:

At Lord's—Middlesex 299 and 194 for seven (Denis Compton 76), Worcestershire 197 (Dew 55, W. Edrich four for 42).

At Chelmsford—T. N. Pearce's team beat Essex by an innings and 25 runs. T. N. Pearce's team—389 for nine declared. Essex 205 (Goonescena four for 65 runs in the first innings and

31) and 159 (Goonescena four for 55).

At Huddersfield—Yorkshire beat Somerset by an innings and 32 runs. Yorkshire 371 for six declared. Somerset 117 (Rogers 53, Trueman six for 65, Wardle four for 37) and 222 (Gimblett 88, Wardle six for 58).

At Oxford—Oxford University 174 and 90 for two, Lancashire 364 (Washbrook 182, Place 50).

At Birmingham—Warwickshire 273 and six for no wicket. Glamorgan 226 (E. Davies 75, Hollies five for 59).—*Reuter.*

INDIANS TOUR

Cambridge, May 15.

The Indian cricketers finished the second day of their match against Cambridge University 74 runs ahead with nine second innings wickets standing, and unless there is some rain to effect the easy-paced wicket, a draw seems certain.

Cambridge, thanks mainly to their two Test batsmen, David Sheppard (50) and Peter May (92) replied with 257 to the tourists' first innings of 205 runs and by the close the Indians had made 40 for the loss of one wicket in their second knock.

The accuracy of the Indian bowling and their tight fielding made the University fight every run and Sheppard and May, probably realising how much depended upon them, were unusually restrained. Nevertheless, both showed touches of class and May, especially after he had passed his 50, kept the crowd enthusiastic with a wide variety of strokes.

Handicapped by the absence of the injured players, Phadkar and Chowdhury, the Indians showed their fighting qualities and kept the scoring rate down to 46 runs in an hour. For long periods Divecha, Ghulam Ahmed and Ramchand maintained a perfect length and direction, giving the batsmen few chances to score.

The oppressive heat was not conducive to bright cricket but the opening pair, Sheppard and Bushy (39), put on 92 and a big score seemed likely. When these two were out, however, May was the only batsman to look really confident and even he was worried at times by Hazare's off spinners.

He reached a restrained 50 in two hours and 25 minutes but then batted more freely and was finally out eight runs short of his third century in consecutive matches. He had then been at the crease for three hours and 23 minutes and had hit 12 fours. His 92 brought his aggregate for the last four innings to 417 runs for three times out—an average of 139.—*Reuter.*

BAILEY TO LEAD MCC

London, May 15.

Trevor Bailey, the Essex and England all-rounder, has been invited to captain the MCC team against the Indians at Lord's on Saturday. Instead of Freddie Brown, who had to withdraw because of a torn ligament.—*Reuter.*

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Special Cash Sweep

on the

Hong Kong Derby

Saturday, 31st May, 1952.

Tickets in the above at \$2.00 each may be obtained at the Treasurers' Comptroller Office, 1st Floor, Telephone House, and at the Club's Branch Offices situated at—

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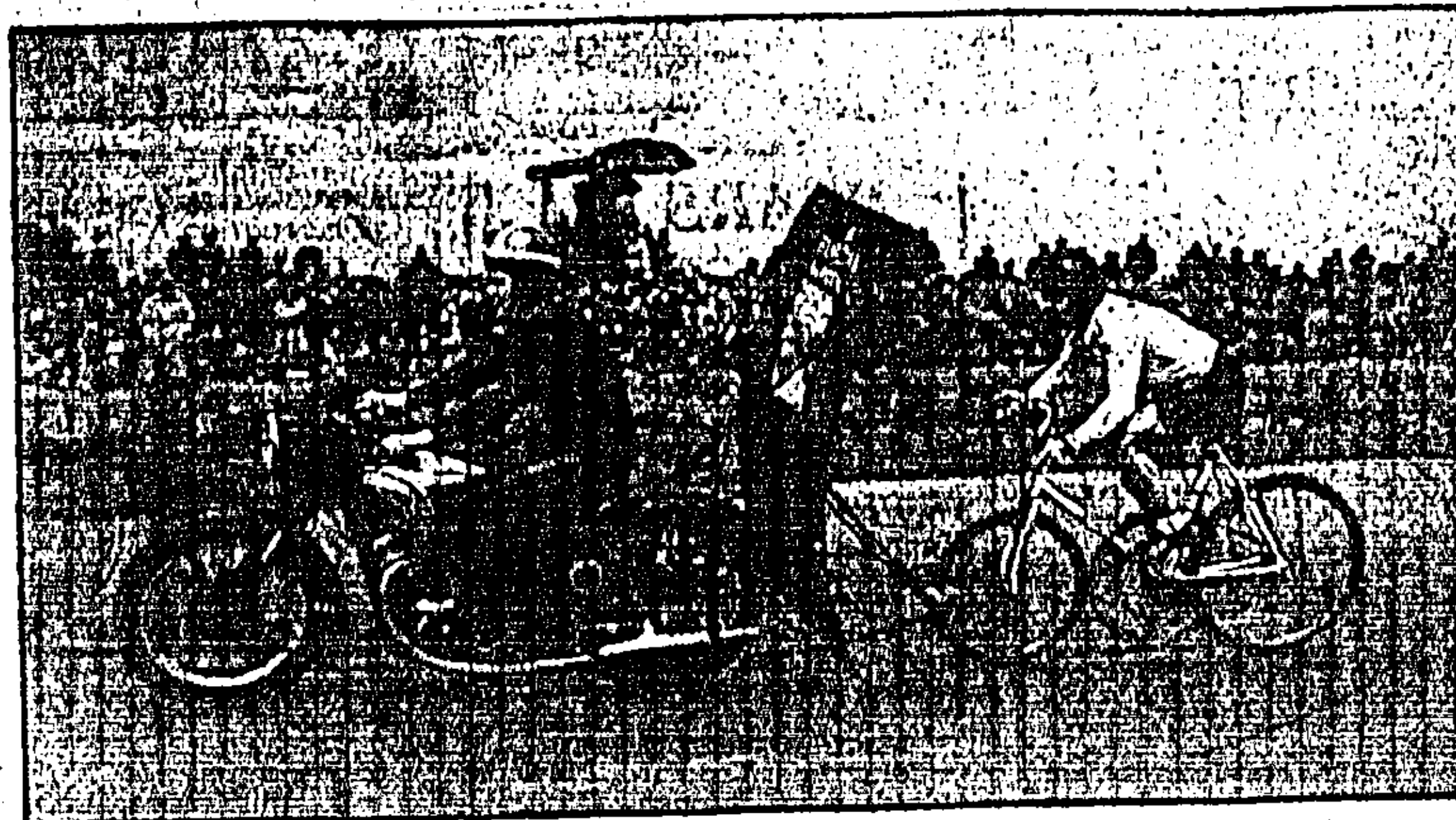
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382, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

Over 500,000 tickets sold to date.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

CHAMPION PACES CHAMPION



World Champion Motor Cyclist and Sportsman of the Year Geoff Duke, on his Norton, paces World Record Cyclist Jose Meiffert of France around a three-lap circuit of the Silverstone, Northamptonshire, track during the International Trophy motor-racing meeting on May 10.

On the three laps, Meiffert put up 36, 40.7 and 40.7 miles per hour. The Frenchman recently set up a world record for the Flying Kilometre of 109 miles an hour.—*Reuterphoto.*

Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The second day of the Seventh Race Meeting under the auspices of the Hong Kong Jockey Club concludes tomorrow.

Another ten events will be down for decision, the most important of which are the two sections of the Cornwall Handicap for Class 3 ponies.

The first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will commence promptly at 2.00 p.m.

Here are my estimates of the chances.

FIRST RACE

Suffolk Handicap (First Section): 1 1/4 Miles.

The opening race tomorrow afternoon is confined to Class 8 ponies to be ridden by approved novice riders who have not won ten races at any time, anywhere. I don't think I shall be far wrong in stating that the ponies to watch in this race are Bitter Sweet (Mr. Lam Kin-fuk), Ringmer (Mr. Shi), Busy Bee (Mr. C. A. Lee) and Prairie Moon (Mr. H. Chan).

Bitter Sweet, judging from its second placing in the Pokfulam Handicap (Third Section) over six furlongs at the Easter Race Meeting, should have a good chance of winning, but Ringmer is not to be ignored, although it ran unplaced in the above race (second section) with Mr. F. Nooit up. But over this distance it is capable of extending Bitter Sweet.

Busy Bee, with Mr. Chun Kit up, did not impress in its last outing when it ran unplaced in this same race (first section), but it may do better tomorrow with a change in the jockey department.

Prairie Moon is usually a slow starter and Mr. Chan will have to do some hard riding if he expects to be anywhere near at the finish.

SECOND RACE

Manchester Handicap (First Section): 2 Miles Post.

This race will be contested by Class 6 ponies. In view of Geronimo's dismal failures on the second day of the Annual Race Meeting with Mr. Robert Teal up, many will think twice before backing this pony, but I am still of the opinion that it has the best recommendation for a win. It will be taken out by Mr. Coppin, who is still a novice rider, and will have an allowance of 3 lb.

Concord (Mr. R. Tsai) ran well on Wednesday morning, May 7, over the mile in 1.53 and should give Geronimo a strong challenge for the premier position.

Then there is Killara (Mr. Renfrew), but this pony has disappointed so many times that I am not too confident regarding its ability to outrun the other starters.

Penelope (Mr. Chuang) is not a bad selection for a place bet, and as an outsider Amazing (Mr. T. L. Wong) is worth following.

THIRD RACE

Somerset Stakes (First Section): Six Furlongs.

In this race, confined to Subscription Ponies of 1952—ponies which have won \$1,000 or more in stake barred—punters should not have any difficulty in selecting the likely winner.

I recommend Dixie Bell (Mr. Needa), as it was included in the list of ponies which had originally been marked down as prospective winners. Why it has failed, so far, I cannot understand, but among this lot I think it should win.

Rider's Wish (Mr. H. H. Chan) was fourth in the Deep Bay Stakes (First Section) over the mile at the 6th Race Meeting, is looking a picture of fitness and I look to it to fill second place.

For the third position Fortune (Mr. Oliveira) is my choice. Silver Dablia (Mr. Kwok) is the likely outsider.

FOURTH RACE

Cornwall Handicap (First Section): 1 1/4 Miles.

This race will be contested by Class 3 ponies. Judging from

the entries we shall see a grand contest with probably a thrilling finish and it is certainly no easy matter to pick out the winner.

The winner will probably come from among Straight Forward (Mr. Kwok), Chinese Mackerel (Mr. C. F. Ng), Ringmer (Mr. Shi), and Probability (Mr. Tseng).

Straight Forward, in view of its fine win in the Laichikok Handicap (First Section) for Class 5 ponies over this distance at the Easter Meeting, has a good chance of scoring a win here, but there is no doubt that it will meet with serious opposition.

Chinese Mackerel, which won the Silver Mine Bay Handicap for Class 4 ponies, at the 6th Race Meeting, is fighting fit at the moment and I believe it should be near at the finish. Rose Emma and Probability are two contenders which should not be disregarded.

FIFTH RACE
Manchester Handicap (Second Section): From 2 Mile Post.

This is the second section of the race for Class 6 ponies, and amongst the entries I like Desert Gold (Mr. Chun Kit) the best. This pony failed badly in the Matakook Handicap (Third Section) over six furlongs, when it ran unplaced, although I cannot account for its failure. Over this longer distance it should redeem itself.

Prince Dahlia (Mr. Kwok) which came in second in the Sanyuan Handicap (First Section) for Class 7 ponies from the 1 1/2 Mile Post, with Mr. E. S. Wong up, at the Easter Meeting, has been improving in its morning gallops, so much so that I think it will give Desert Gold a good fight in this race.

Winged (Mr. Renfrew) is good over this distance and should not be disregarded. For a long shot I suggest keeping Mabel (Mr. T. L. Wong) in mind.

SIXTH RACE
Suffolk Handicap (Second Section): 1 1/4 Miles.

This race will be contested by the second section of Class 8 ponies and it is certainly no easy matter to pick out the winner, which will probably be one of the following: Gladious (Mr. Chung), Miami Beauty (Mr. H. Chan), Crown Witness (Mr. Peter Young) and Golden Boy (Mr. Oliveira).

Gladious came in second in the Pokfulam Handicap (Second Section) over six furlongs at the Easter Meeting, and so for tomorrow afternoon its weight has gone up by 3 lb. I believe that its prospects of scoring a win remain rather bright on account of the longer distance.

Miami Beauty certainly looks dangerous and may cause an upset. This pony has improved a great deal after its last run when it came fourth in the same race.

Crown Witness ran unplaced in this same race with Mr. H. K. Cheng up. It will be carrying 3 lb. less and with a change in the jockey department tomorrow, it should give a good account of itself here.

Golden Boy, carrying 14 lb., which over the Shamshutro Handicap (Third Section) over six furlongs at the Easter Meeting, has been promoted and will be running against better company. Now it will fare as hard as I think it should be prominent at the end.

SEVENTH RACE

Somerset Stakes (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

The second lot of Subscription Ponies of 1952 will fight

out the issue on this race. A glance at the entries would seem to indicate that Gladious, which has now fully recovered from its accident just before the Annual Meeting, is the logical choice here for the first position as it will be Mr. T. L. Wong's mount.

Comet (Mr. Chun Kit), which was officially fourth the last time out, is good enough to take second position. For third place, Asthete (Mr. Renfrew) and The Gazelle (Mr. B. L. Tao) should battle it out.

EIGHTH RACE

Suffolk Handicap (Third Section): 1 1/4 Miles.

In this event for the third lot of Class 6 ponies a good race is expected. Henrietta is long overdue for a win. It will again be ridden by Mr. Shi, a novice rider, and will have 7 lb. allowance. It will carry 140 lb. instead of 147 lb. This pony ran well to come in second in the Phaeon Handicap (first section) over the two mile post at the Annual Meeting, and on that showing I am inclined to believe that it is capable of winning.

Minya Miminy (Mr. Ostromoff) disappointed its backers the last time out very badly by being unplaced. It is at the moment galloping well during morning exercise and it will prove a menace to Henrietta. Then again, we have Jericho (Mr. Oliveira) which came in fourth at the Easter Meeting in the Pokfulam Handicap (first section). I think it will be near at the finish.

Good Bay (Mr. H. H. Chan) with 142 lb., less 3 lb. allowance to carry, is undoubtedly good over this distance, and in view of its light burden, I recommend bearing it in mind.

NINTH RACE

Manchester Handicap (Third Section): From 2 Mile Post.

Among the entries we have two likely winners and they are Hurry On (Mr. T. L. Wong) and Popularity (Mr. Chun Kit). Hurry On disappointed its backers at the Easter Meeting very badly by being unplaced. It is at the moment very fit and its chances of winning are really bright.

I am rather inclined to believe, however, that with 144 lb. to carry, Popularity (provided Mr. Chun Kit can get off to a good start) should be too good.

On the other hand, Battlefield (Mr. K. S. Shu) must not be overlooked despite its failure to win at the Easter Meeting as this pony has the same weight to look after.

Mr. C. L. Liu will have charge of Countess Delight and this combination should be worth following as an outside chance.

TENTH RACE
Cornwall Handicap (Second Section): 1 1/4 Miles.

This race will wind up the second day's programme, in which the Second Section of Class 3 ponies will participate.

After its easy win in the Laichikok Handicap (Second Section) over this distance at the Easter Meeting, it is only natural to expect that Cocktail Tea (Mr. C. L. Liu) will be made firm favourite, and it should not disappoint.

There is, of course, just a possibility that Corrib (Mr. Ostromoff) may cause an upset, provided it does not remain too far back. Home Bullion (Mr. Chuang), who did well in coming third at the Annual Meeting, over this distance and should not be ignored, is capable of winning here.

For those who are looking for outsiders I suggest keeping Jericho (Mr. Kwok) and The Strangler (Mr. Shu) in mind.

League Tennis

KCC UPSET SOUTH CHINA

One major upset was produced in yesterday's Tennis League matches when Kowloon Cricket Club edged out the Mixed Doubles "B" Division holders, South China, by five sets to four.

With the exception of Patrick Poon, South China fielded a completely new team, and although their first pair, Miss Martha Young and L. C. Lee, gave the best performance of the afternoon in winning all their three sets, the Cricket Club's better-balanced team gave them that slight advantage.

In another Mixed Doubles "B" Division match, another strong contender for the title, Craigengower Cricket Club, scored a comfortable 9-0 win over the newly-formed Urban Council team.

Chinese Recreation Club maintained their reputation as favourites for the Men's "C" Division honours, with a double win by both their teams in this division.

THE RESULTS

MEN'S "C" DIVISION

CRC 1 beat KTG 8-1 in the

Men's "C" Division of the Tennis League yesterday.

CRC 2 beat P.F. Choy (CRC) beat K.S. Ling and C.S. Ling 4-0; beat K. Somo and R. Wei 4-0; beat W.H. Teen and Alan Raymond 4-0.

C. Cheung and K.K. Cheung beat K. Ling and Ling 3-0; beat Somo and Wei 4-0; beat Teen and Raymond 4-1.

C.K. Lee and S.K. Wong beat Somo and Wei 4-0; beat Teen and Raymond 4-2.

CRC 3 beat CCC 1.

Ma Kiloong and Lee Kin-won (CRC) beat F. Yew and C.C. Liu 4-0; beat L. Sung and D.K.L. Lui 4-0.

P. Hay and Patrick Yuen beat F. Yew and C.C. Liu 4-0; beat L. Sung and D.K.L. Lui 4-0.

E. Ho and C.C. Tsao lost to F. Yew and C.C. Liu 4-0; beat L. Sung and D.K.L. Lui 4-0.

The Craigengower third pair, S.A.H. Bux and T.B. Day, did not turn up.

KCC 2 beat CCC 3.

F. Green and C.C. Tsao (KCC) beat A.J. Hussain and I. Kitchell 4-0; beat M. Samy and S.M. Ruman 4-0; drew with F. Ruman and A.R. Babb 4-4.

F. Fisher and C. Millet beat Hussain and Kitchell 4-0; drew with Samy and Ruman 4-4; beat Ruman and Babb 4-0.

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LONGDEN'S 4,000th

Inglewood, May 15. The famous jockey, Johnny Longden, rode his 4,000th winner today aboard Fleet Diver in the third race at Hollywood Park.—*United Press.*

Inter-School Badminton Finalists

Although two more matches remain to be played off, the four teams for the final round of the Inter-School Badminton League were decided yesterday when Queen's College beat Wah Yan A.M. by 3-2 and Diocesan Boys' School defeated Clementi School by 3-1.

St. Stephen's College maintained their record of not having lost a single set yet in the League with a 3-0 win over King George V School. The fourth team for the round is La Salle College.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Queen's College 3; Wah Yan College A.M. 2.

Siu Chuen (QC) lost to King George V School 2-1; beat Lam Yung-tak 2-1.

Ng Kam-san (QC) beat Lam Yung-tak 2-1; lost to King George V School 2-1.

Ding Yum and Sin King-sun (QC) beat Teung Ying-kong and Cheng Chi-ching 15-12, 15-2.

St. Stephen's College 3; St. Joseph's College 0.

U. Sel-lip (SSC) beat Tai Hon-lee 2-1.

U. Sel-lip (SSC) beat Chan Yiu-ming 2-1.

Knock Knock and Loh Hung-ngai (SSC) beat Bando Bernardo 15-11, 17-15.

Drobny Would Win It If Only Wimbledon Were A Hard Court Tournament

A pair of dark sun glasses and a lightning service are the stock-in-trade of Jaroslav Drobny, former Czech Davis Cup star, now a naturalised Egyptian.

On a dull day at Bournemouth, in the finals of the British Hard Courts Championships, the sun glasses were hardly necessary. The service though was very much to the fore in Drobny's victory over Frank Sedgman by the score of 6-2, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4.

SOLOMONS STAKES £10,000

London, May 15.

The boxing promoter, Jack Solomons, announced today that he would present £10,000 to the first British boxer to win the world heavyweight title within the next five years.

The last British fighter to win the world heavyweight crown was Bob Fitzsimmons in 1897.

Mr Solomons said, "I have accepted a wager of £10,000 from a big London bookmaker that I will not find a World Heavyweight Champion from this country during the next five years."

Mr Solomons said he was confident that he would find a world beater in that time.

"Whoever we find to win the world title will also receive the £10,000 which would become due to me," he added.—Reuter.

ONE POUND OVER

London, May 15.

Don Cockell, British light-heavyweight champion, who is to fight Renato Tontini of Italy at Haringey next Tuesday, is nearly down to the stipulated weight of 178 lbs.

The fight is in the nature of a test to see if Cockell can make the light-heavyweight limit for the defence of his title against Randolph Turpin, British Middleweight Champion, at the White City, London, on June 16.

After his workout at Brighton yesterday, Cockell scaled 179 lbs., only one pound over.—Reuter.

RECORD PURSE

London, May 15.

Sammy McCarthy of Slaney and Freddie King of Wandsworth, two of Britain's most promising featherweights, are meeting over eight rounds at nine stone two pounds at Haringey on May 20.

They are to receive a record purse of £1,000 and it has been agreed by both that the winner will receive £600 and the loser £400.

The top line bout on the bill is Don Cockell, British European cruiserweight champion, versus Renato Tontini, the Italian title-holder.—Reuter.

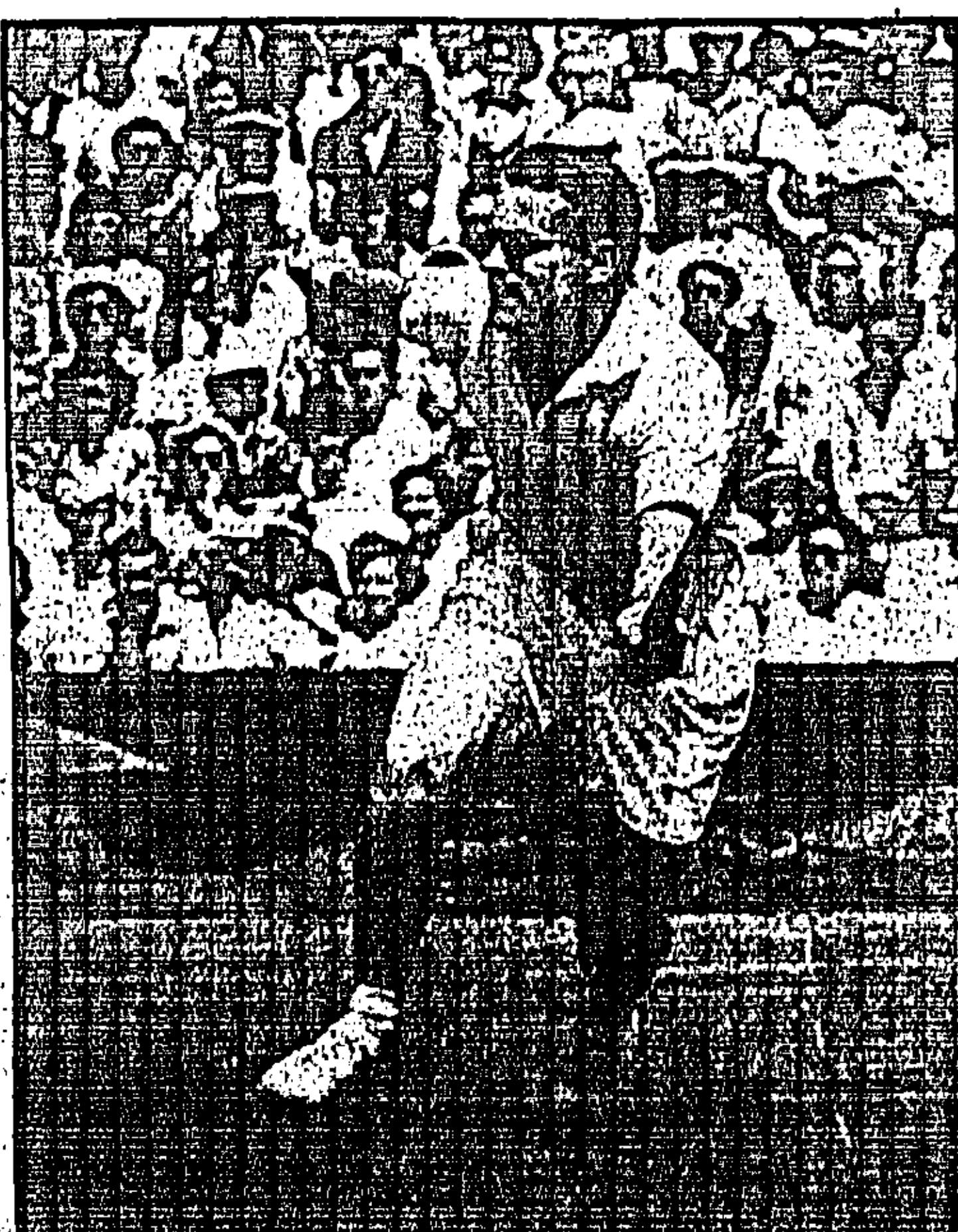
BANTAM TITLE

Johannesburg, May 15.

Vic Towell, South African World Bantamweight Champion, will defend his title against Jimmy Carruthers (Australia) at the Rand Stadium here on October 4.

This was announced by the Transvaal National Sporting Club today.—Reuter.

SEEDED ABOVE SEDGMAN



Jaroslav Drobny, the Czechoslovak-born player who beat Frank Sedgman in the final of the British Hardcourts Championship at Bournemouth, has been seeded No. 1 in the French Lawn Tennis Championships above Sedgman.—Express Photo.

Sedgman is regarded the greatest player in the world, and is a favourite to win the Men's Singles at Wimbledon next month. So this victory gives Drobny extra confidence in attaining his greatest ambition—to win at Wimbledon himself.

If Wimbledon were a hard court tournament, and not grass, he would have already taken the title. For he is without peer on the hard surface. But his European training did not give him the necessary experience to match the Australians and Americans on grass.

LESS TEMPERAMENTAL

Drobny is far less temperamental on the court than many other of the big names. This coolness played a big part in his victory over Sedgman. He refused to be ruffled by the Australian's rushing tactics; finally he made the match-winning shot off a full-blooded smash, by Sedgman.

To watch Drobny waiting to receive a service, his black hair smoothed straight back and jacket held firmly in his left hand, he looks like a panther about to pounce. When the ball comes, he leaps towards it and returns with a pulverising forehand.

As long ago as 1936, Drobny was hitting the sporting headlines. Then as a stripling of 14 years, he reached the second round of the Czechoslovakian Lawn Tennis Championships. He lost his match with British Davis Cup player G. P. Hughes, but took a set off his opponent.

At seventeen, he won the Championship of Berlin, beating the German ace, Henkel.

When his country was overrun by the Germans in 1939, Drobny was forced to work in a munition factory and was allowed little time to play tennis.

When the war finished, and international tennis returned, Drobny soon showed his skill again.

In the 1946 Wimbledon Championships, he defeated Jack Kramer of America, who was firm favourite to win the title. Three years later he reached the final and was defeated by Ted Schroeder only after a terrific struggle.

AN UPHEAVAL

A couple of weeks after these Championships, international politics caused an upheaval in his life.

With fellow countryman Vladimir Cernik, he was playing in Switzerland. Competing in the tournament were two Germans and a Spaniard. Because of this the Czechoslovak Government ordered their players not to take part and to return home. They defied the order, and for the remainder of their stay were guarded by the Swiss police.

They never returned to Czechoslovakia, but became naturalised Egyptians. Drobny said that he had no interest in politics, but just wished to play tennis with whom he wanted.

To be in the company of this quiet-mannered Czech, it is difficult to realise that in addition to tennis, he excelled in the toughest sport in the world, ice hockey.

He represented Czechoslovakia on many occasions and frequently captained the team. It was under his leadership, in fact, that they won the World Championship.

Now watch him on the court, especially when he serves. He is not tall. At 5ft 9in, he is one of tennis's little men. But he uses every inch of his height, and every ounce of his twelve stone to crack home an ace. And you can well imagine that with this energy transferred to propelling him on ice, he would take a lot of stopping.—London Express Service.

SEEDED NO 1

Paris, May 15.

Jaroslav Drobny (Egypt) is seeded No. 1 for the men's singles in the French Lawn Tennis Championships which begin here next Tuesday. He is the holder.

Frank Sedgman (Australia) was beaten by Drobny in the final of the British Hardcourts Championship at Bournemouth recently and is seeded No. 2.

Dick Savitt (United States) is third and Ken McGregor (Australia) fourth.—Reuter.

Yankees And Dodgers Lead LOB Derby

New York, May 15.

The Pre-season favourite, the New York Yankees, and the Brooklyn Dodgers, are leading the Major Leagues today. But not in the won-and-lost standings—it's in the left-on-base department.

The Yankees, valiantly struggling for a first division berth, have stranded 200 runners in 24 games, an average of 8.3 men per game.

Casey Stengel's DiMaggio-less Yankees are running well ahead of their closest competitors in the LOB Derby, the Washington Senators. Washington has left 104 anxious-to-score runners on base in 24 contests, an average of 8.1 players per game.

In the National League, the Dodgers have averaged eight men left on base a game. They have stranded 175 runners in 22 games. The New York Giants are next in line with 171 men left in 22 games for a 7.8 average per game. Apparently the League-leading Giants are getting them a round when it counts.—Associated Press.

Titanium Beaten In 10-Furlong Race At Bath

Bath, Somerset, May 15.

Mr Tom Lilley's Titanium, who at 22 to one was the shortest priced British-bred colt for the Epsom Derby at Monday's Victoria colliery, was beaten in a 10 furlong race here today.

With Gordon Richards riding, backers laid two to one on the Bechampton-trained horse but after being with the leaders throughout he could find no extra under pressure and was beaten by two lengths by the two-to-one against chance, Demonstrate, which was ridden by Lester Piggott.

His owner stated afterwards that Titanium could be regarded as a rather doubtful runner for the Epsom classic while trainer Noel Murless, who has 12 entries for the race, said that his stable had not yet decided on their plans.—Reuter.

★ ★ ★ A SEAT IN THE STALLS ★ ★ ★

British Films To Watch For

THINGS were ticking over in British studios. Not too optimistically despite the £10,891 first-time-over profit of the Government-sponsored National Film Finance Corporation, which now finds money for eight out of ten British pictures.

Not too pessimistically, despite Equity's alarming report of studios dropping out of production and the industry's talents and resources rusting for want of use.

IN THE JUNGLE

At Pinewood three pictures were on the floor. Claudette Colbert was coping with Malayan terrorists in "The Planter's Wife." Dress designer Jane Hylton was fighting a battle in a different kind of jungle, an intricate-ridden fashion house, for "It Started in Paradise."

Detective Richard Todd was on the track of stateless fugitive John Gregson in "Venetian Bird."

On location near Hastings Anthony Steel was turning out for a cricket eleven for outdoor scenes of another Pinewood film "Something Money Can't Buy." In the cutting-room scissors were busy on "Meet Me Tonight," Technicolour package of Noel Coward playlets. And there

Von Nida, Cotton And Weetman All Lose

Llandudno, Wales, May 15.

There was a day of surprises when the match play stages of the 2,000 Guinea Penfold Professional Golf Tournament began on the Maesdu Course here today.

The first upset came when Henry Cotton, three times British Open Champion, making one of his rare appearances in a tournament, was beaten by one hole by Ken Geddes of Gosforth.

Then one of the Australian challengers, Norman Von Nida, was beaten by Arthur Lees by three and two in another first round match.

The second round also saw the defeat of two fancied players, Peter Thompson, Australian Champion, who lost to Laurie Aytton, of Working, by four and three, while the British Match Play Champion, Harry Weetman, went down to the Irishman, Fred Daly, by three and two.

The players to reach the last eight in the tournament are: J. Panton (Glenbarrie), A. Poulton (Burgh Hill), L. B. Aytton (Working), A. Lees (Sunningdale), J. Burton (Hillside), F. Daly (Blamoral), H. Bradshaw (Portmarnock) and E. Brown (Sandy Lodge).—Reuter.

Route de France Cycle Race

Le Boulou, May 15.

Hans Andersen, of the combined Denmark-Netherlands team, today won the 11th stage of the Route de France amateur cycling road race.

He covered the 168 kilometres from Turascon-sur-Ariege to Le Boulou in 4 hrs. 30 mins. 4 secs., followed by Georges Gay (Central France) in the same time and Marcel Vermeulen (Belgium) in 4 hrs. 38 mins. 43 secs.—Reuter.

Another Record For Geoff Duke

Berne, May 15.

Geoffrey Duke (England), riding a Norton, broke the British 500cc track record during today's Swiss motorcycle Grand Prix trials.

He covered the 7,280 kilometre (4 1/2 miles) course in 2 minutes 53.8 seconds at an average speed of 49.43 kilometres (nearly 31 miles) per hour. The old record was 2 minutes 58 seconds, set by F. Firth (England) on a Norton in 1937.—Associated Press.

By ROY NASH

were two, others snipped and ready for screening—Yolanda Donlan's "Penny Princess," and the star-studded "Importance of Being Earnest."

At Shepperton where Margaret Lockwood and Michael Wilding had just wound up "Trent's Last Case," Robert Morley and Maurice Evans were arguing about words and music as "Mr Gilbert and Mr Sullivan."

Awaiting showing were Anna Neagle's "Derby Day," David Lean's jet-age air picture "The Sound Barrier" and Edgar Wallace's "Ringer" in a new guise as "The Gaunt Stranger."

Down at MGM-Elstree explosives expert Glenn Ford was investigating a time bomb for appropriately, "Time Bomb," watched anxiously by screen wife Anne Vernon.

Across the road at Associated British Kathleen Ryan and Hy Hazell were involved in an East End thriller called "The Yellow Balloon" and George Cole was dashing about behind the Iron Curtain—as a sanitary inspector mistaken for an atomic scientist—in a comedy not yet titled.

The studio had four pictures almost ready for premiere—Richard Attenborough as the proud parent of twins, Merle Oberon's "Twenty-Four Hours," David Tomlinson's "Castle in The Air" and the Van Heflin-Wanda Hendrix-Eric Portman North African Jant "South of Algiers."

Ealing was busy on "The Gentle Gunman" with John Mills. Walton-on-Thames had just said good-bye to Claude Rains. "The Man Who Watched The Trains Go By" who was off to do more engine-spotting on location in Paris.

"BEGGAR'S OPERA"

Southall was polishing off Margaret Rutherford's "Miss Robin Hood."

Coringham shortly were a respectable number of pictures in preparation.

Sir Laurence Olivier was rehearsing his songs for Herbert Wilcox's "Beggars' Opera."

Ealing's master funster T. E. D. Clarker was ready with a new story about an Emot-styled railway engine "The Tiffed Thunderbolt" which would soon take the rails.

Pinewood was getting ready to award the Dunmow Filitch to David Tomlinson and Petula Clark in "Made in Heaven."

Walton was clearing its decks for "Pickwick Papers" with James Hayter as Pickwick. Shepperton would soon be staging an Army camp brains test presided over by padre Austin Sim for a Frank Launder film of James Bridget. "It Depends On What You Mean."

Carol Reed was working on a new script at Korda headquarters in Piccadilly where Terence Rattigan's "Who Is Sylvia?", "Hobson's Choice" and Margot Fonteyn's "Sleeping Princess" were all being planned.

RISEING COSTS

But producers were worried by rising costs. "We have brought them down with economies, but the general rise in prices is making it increasingly difficult to keep them that way," Frank Launder, one of Britain's most successful filmmakers, told me.

Launder also feels there should be more opportunities for young writers to develop their talents. "But nobody has enough money to run a proper scenario department where they could learn their trade."

Some British stars were also worried—by the continued invasion of big names from Hollywood to play plum roles in British-made movies.

Clark Gable, Errol Flynn, Gene Kelly, Joan Fontaine, Jose Ferrer, Louis Jourdan, Ray Milland were due to make pictures in England later this year.

TALENTED YOUNGSTERS

Yet it was still possible for a youngster to be given a chance in British studios.

Dark-haired, 19-year-old Stella Riley, Royal Academy of

Dramatic Art student, was about to pack her bags for her first film location trip to Spain for a part in Joan Fontaine's "Desamaron Nights."

In Shepperton another 16-year-old, Ann Hanley, was delighting studio on-lookers with her prettiness as a D'Oyly Carte soprano in "Mr Gilbert and Mr Sullivan."

Miss Hanley was spotted for films by a talent scout as she was walking into a Kensington dramatic school. Tested for the title role in "Beauty Queen" last year, she failed to get the part which went to Pauline Stoud, but was given the Gilbert and Sullivan role as a consolation prize.

"Bitter Rice" Is Full Of Mangano

A rather watered-down version of the elemental Italian picture that stormed through America and the Hongkong censors and arrived here, a limb or two badly amputated.

The substitution of American voices on the sound track while you watch Italian lips mouth Italian words is where the dilution comes in.

Yet even with cuts and new voices, it is easy to see the fundamental difference in technique which caused the English-speaking world to fete "Bitter Rice" in adjectives that can never use on their own films.

Basically, it is a very simple plot with a moral pointer: middle with crime and you come to a bad end; repent and go straight, and if you are lucky, you will live happily ever after. They punish the bad and reward the good in the accepted manner.

Why, then, has "Bitter Rice" created such a sensation? Silvana Mangano and the film's terrigenous Latin temperament—the result of Giuseppe de Santis' uninhibited direction—change of life-workers' lives in Italy's Po Valley—is the answer to the question.

No British or American film is, to begin with, allowed to accent the "full sweep of elemental passions"—which says it mildly. But just such a theme is in this Italian film's direction.

MORE OF HER

Silvana Mangano is tall, handsome and a powerful cross between Rita Hayworth and Ingrid Bergman, and there's more of her than of either of these. The lass was a more seventeen when she embarked upon this, her first film, but there is no question of who, as an actress, dominates "Bitter Rice." Silvana is omnipresent. It's just her sort of film.

Doris Dowling does pretty well too in her rather melodramatic role of Francesca, the bad boy's moll who joins the rice pickers or "mondine" and sticks with them when Walter (Vittorio Gassman) shows up. She is a sensitive actress with almost Italian looks.

But Walter finds an accomplice in the infatuated Silvana, who sees in the glamorous life of stealing diamonds a way to better things than rice-picking. Tragedy is inevitable.

However, Raf Vallone, as Marco, the good sergeant balances things out a little. Towards the end there is an excruciating scene in a bloody slaughter house—murder under cover of dripping carcasses—and it is here that the outcome is all but resolved. The height of melodrama.

Finally there is a scene in the rice-fields, the mondine's tribute to Silvana's broken body, and with it their forgiveness of her part in flooding the rice-fields and so destroying their work of weeks. Perfectly it conveys the spontaneous action, generous as it is typical of such simple people.

Giuseppe de Santis goes a long way, with raw life, loud violence, just good and a certain naïveté to prove that the moral of such a harvest is 'crime does not pay.'

—SUE DAWSON

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Stan Greene's Tribute To H.K. Soccer

Singapore, May 15.

The touring Athenian League amateur soccer team arrived here from Hongkong yesterday for a series of three games on May 16, 18 and 20.

Their manager, Mr S. W. Greene, said that the players found the best in Hongkong "rather trying" and were surprised at the high standard of soccer there.

Soccer officials in Hongkong had warned them that Singapore would give them stiff opposition, he added.

The Athenians leave for England on May 22.—Reuter.

TODAY'S SPORT

Lawn Tennis
Men's "D" Division—Urban Council v Chinese J.C. Urban Council v Chinese J.C.
Mixed "A" Division—HKCC v IACC; HKCC v IACC.
Mixed "B" Division—HKCC v IACC; HKCC v IACC.
Senior League—Fortuna v Eastern; Chung Sing v B. China. Both games at VRC, the first starting 6 p.m.

Tan Eng-long To Run At Helsinki

Tuupel, May 15.

Nationalist China has decided to send a 12-man basketball team and a one-man track and field team to participate in this year's World Olympics at Helsinki.

At a meeting of the preparations committee today Chen Ying-jan (also known as Tang Eng-long) topmost Chinese sprinter, was chosen as the lone track athlete. Chen, a native of Formosa, is considered the best Far Eastern runner with a record 48.8 secs. for the 400 metres.

Chen took part in the 1948 Olympiad held at Ramsey. A five-man selection committee was formed to choose the basketball team from players in Formosa, Hongkong and the Philippines. All selected players will gather in Taipei for training by June 1.—United Press.

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Prison Term For Spy

Munich, May 15.—A 30-year-old architect, Oskar Thiel-Matck, was today sentenced by an American court here to 10 years' imprisonment for selling information on American military installations to Czechoslovakia.
Matck, who was Secretary of the West German European Union, which advocates European unity, said he offered his services to the Czechs to obtain money with which to emigrate to Argentina.
He was the third man to be sentenced by American courts in West Germany on espionage charges within the last 24 hours.—Reuter.

Threat Was Enough

Sunderland, May 15.—The Sunderland Post Office announced today that 1,000 new radio and 100 television licences had been taken out following the recent visit of a G.P.O. detector van.—Reuter.

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Greek Trade Union Leaders To Face A Court Martial

Athens, May 15.—Anthony Ambatielos and eight other Trade Union leaders face trial before a military tribunal here tomorrow on charges of organising aid for General Markos, leader of the Communist guerrillas in the Greek civil war.
All were sentenced to death in November, 1948. But Betty Bartlett, Ambatielos' English wife, fought to have their executions stayed.

Her protests, backed by representatives from British and continental Trade Unions, led to personal intervention by Australia's Dr Herbert Ewart, then President of the United Nations General Assembly.
Dr Ewart cabled King Paul and the Greek Government, urging them to suspend the executions on the ground that they would hamper the U. N. efforts to end tension among the Balkan nations.

The Yugoslav delegate, Alas Bobler, supported Dr Ewart, charging that defendants had been convicted on "framed-up" evidence.

Last year the Greek Government decreed new "leniency measures" for former guerrillas and those who helped them. The law applied for a new trial under these laws. They will appear before a "Revisionary Military Tribunal" which can commute their sentences.

MAY BE PAROLED

If the nine receive new sentences of less than 20 years' imprisonment, they may be paroled under another new law. The men in the case: Anthony Ambatielos, former Secretary-General of the Communist-controlled Federation of Seamen's and Dockers' Organisation.

Panayotis Timonyanakis, tobacco worker and member of the Central Committee of the Greek Communist Party.

Paradenis Diacromesis, Communist editor.

Mimikis Galaxidis, employee of a seamen's paper.

Spikes Katsaris, liaison official between land and marine trade union.

Associated Press.

Arab Countries Intransigent

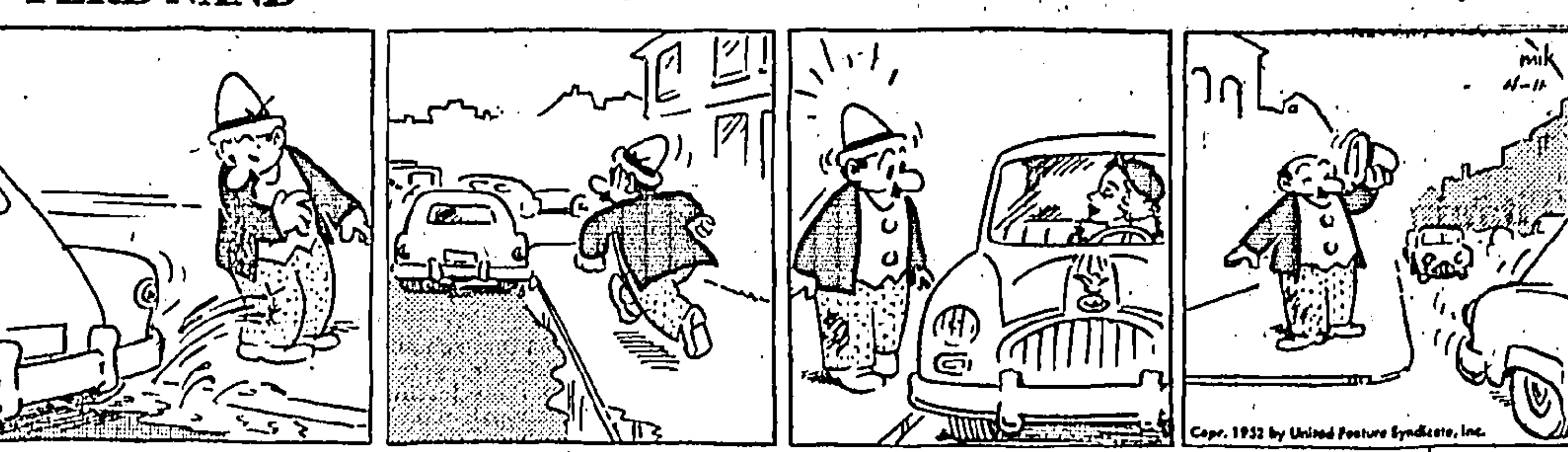
Geneva, May 15.—The six Arab States informed the annual Assembly of the World Health Organisation today that they remained resolved not to meet with Israel in conferences of WHO's Eastern Mediterranean Regional Committee to which both Israel and the Arab States belong.
The Committee has not met since 1950 because of Arab opposition to Israel.—United Press.

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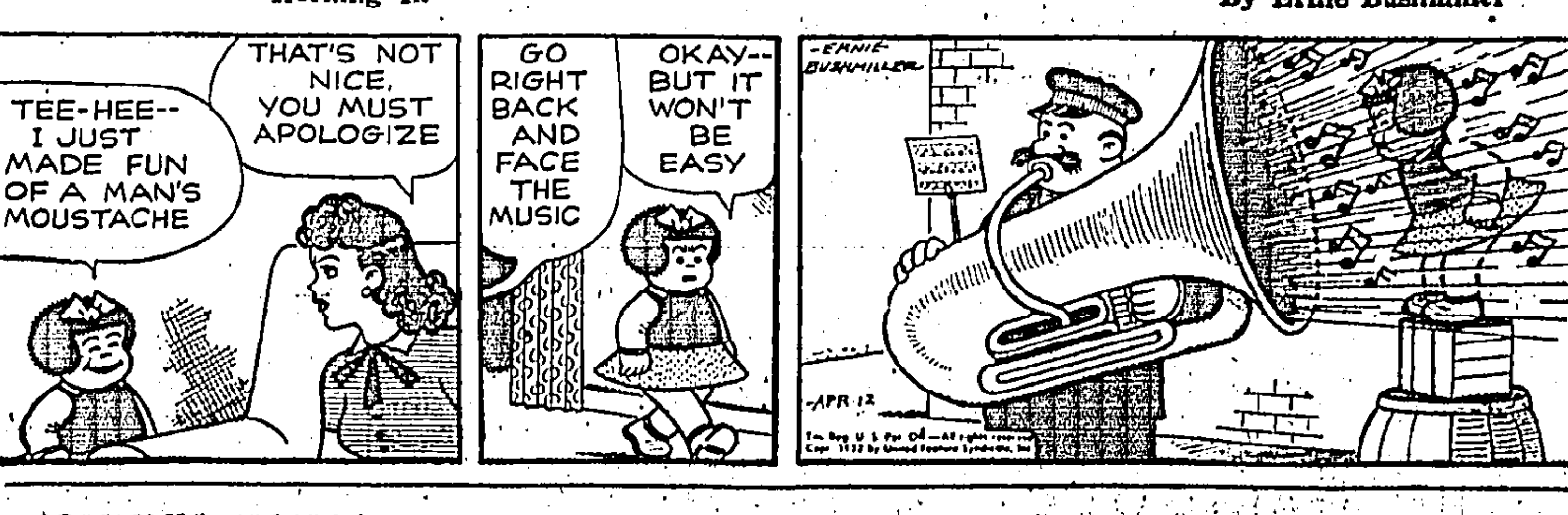
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Washington Official In Teheran

Teheran, May 15.

Mr Henry A. Byrond, United States Assistant Secretary of State, who arrived here on Wednesday, today met the Persian Prime Minister, Dr Mohammed Mossadeq, and the Foreign Minister, Mr B. Kazemi.

Declaring that his visit to Persia was to acquaint himself more fully with the situation in Persia so that he might be in a better position to assist my Government," Mr Byrond, in a Press statement, said the United States policy was to help Persia to maintain her independence and to develop in a way that would promote happiness and prosperity for the Persian people.

"At present, the United States is trying to strengthen Persia's defensive capacity," he said.

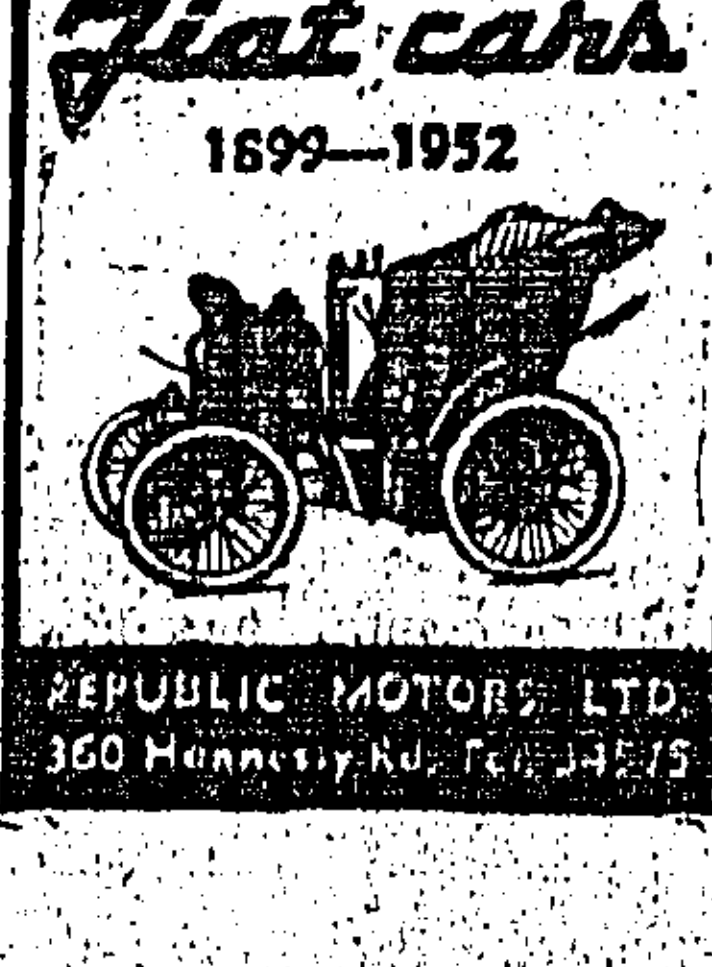
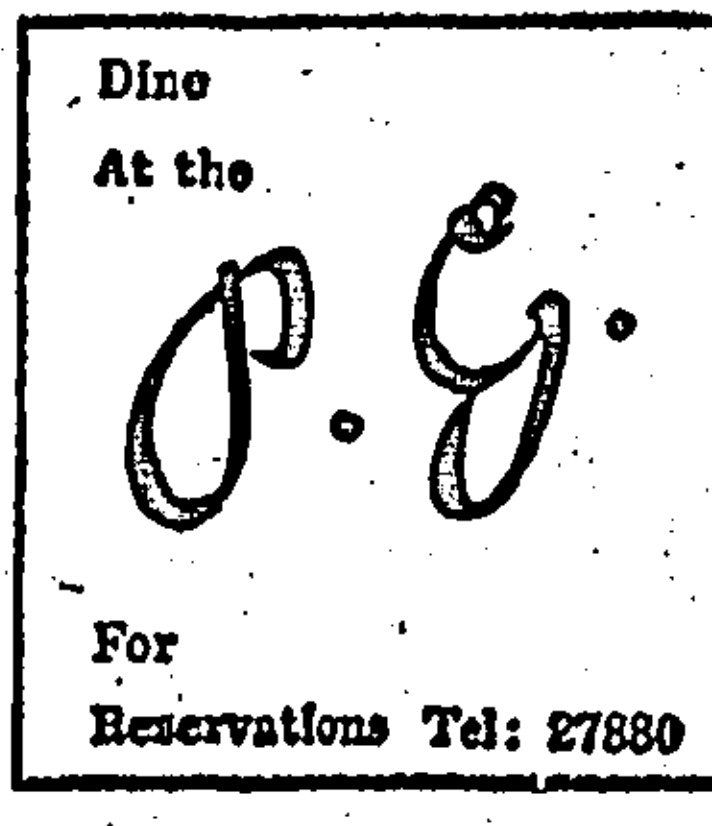
"The United States is also trying to assist Persia in the fields of agriculture, industry, health and education through the Point-Four Plan and other means."

Mr Byrond said it was a matter of deep regret to the United States that its efforts to help find a solution of the oil problem had so far been unsuccessful and that Persia's rich oil resources continued to be a heavy economic burden instead of a valuable asset.

Mr Byrond, who conducts Near Eastern affairs for the State Department, is touring the Persian Gulf area.

A Persian government spokesman, commenting on Mr Byrond's visit, said today: "Powerful and big countries should change their policies towards Persia. They must understand our political and financial difficulties and help and co-operate with us to put an end to our troubles."

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